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Zana Goodhew, foreground, prepares for a limousine ride on her 95th birthday.

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Howard Reed

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Howard L. Reed, 77, of Montgomery, Mich., died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Surviving is one son, Jack. C. Mays of Montgomery, Mich.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Jerry Mynhier

PLEASANT LAKE — Jerry W. Mynhier, 56, of Pleasant Lake, died Saturday at 4:45 p.m. at his home.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

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Zana Goodhew, 96, lived life to the fullest

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Zana Goodhew lived for nine-and-a-half decades, and it was her goal to reach 100.

"I've made it to 95," she chuckled weeks after her 95th birthday on May 27, 2003. "Now I'm gonna push for 100. What I'm gonna do is stick around to irritate the hell outta everyone."

Unfortunately, Zana didn't quite make it. On Christmas Eve, Zana, 96, died at Northern Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola, where she had lived for just over two years.

Zana's life began with a bang — literally. She was born in 1908 at her home in Fremont in the middle of a thunderstorm, and was named by a band of traveling gypsies who got out of the rain on her family's porch during that storm.

Zana was fiercely independent, living in her own home until November, 2002. She was injured when her television set fell over on her, and after that happened, she and her family decided she needed to move to a place where she could be taken care of.

The name Zana is of Hebrew origin, and means, "graceful lily." And that was sort of what she was — a proper lady who dressed neatly in slacks and pearls each day even if she wasn't going out or doing much.

She had bright blue eyes, neatly coifed white hair, an infectious smile and a habit of calling everyone she met — even total strangers — "sweetie."

Zana's last big outing happened in the spring of 2003. At her request, she was treated to a limousine ride around Clear Lake and Lake James, courtesy of the Steuben County chapter of Second Wind Dreams. Zana's tour took place on her 95th birthday, and she took seven of her family members with her.

Days before the limo ride, Zana was animatedly talking about her coming day out. She wondered what color the limo would be, and was thrilled to learn it might be red — because then she reasoned, people would call her "the red streak."

Zana's daughter Marcella Mansfield said her mother was never one to shy away from a spotlight.

"She'll do anything for attention," Marcella said with a laugh.

Zana married Charles Goodhew when she was just a teenager. The couple had seven children, and lived all their lives in Angola. Charles died in 1961.

Margaret Ellington

LIGONIER — Margaret Ellington, 42, of Ligonier, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at her home.

She had lived in the Ligonier area for 18 years. Before that, she had been a resident of Hawaii and Ohio. She was a homemaker and a member of Hope Church in Ligonier.

She enjoyed crocheting for others, scrapbooking her trip to Hawaii and spending time with friends and family. She had an extensive collection of turtles from around the world.

She was born Aug. 1, 1962, in California to Raymond John and Carolyn (Scott) Van Drew. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are her fiance, Ronnie Lovelace of Logansport; a brother, Michael Van Drew of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Deborah Marie Van Drew of Dayton, Ohio, and Elaine Miretti of Cromwell; six nieces and nephews and two great-nieces.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, with pastor Randy Foreman officiating.

Calling will be at her home, 410 Cadillac St., Ligonier, following the memorial service Wednesday.

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Edward Gump

HOWE — Edward "Ed" A. Gump, 62, of Howe and formerly of Bronson, Mich., died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at Sturgis Hospital following several years of illness.

Mr. Gump was a lifelong resident of the Branch County, Mich., and LaGrange County area. He retired in October 1998 from the Campbell Soup Co., where he worked as supervisor for 26 1/2 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post in Orland and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Sturgis, Mich.

Mr. Gump was a U.S. Army veteran, serving several years in Europe and two years in Vietnam, taking part in the Tet Counteroffensive in 1969.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, caring for his lawn and camping.

He was born Jan. 5, 1942, in Bronson, Mich., to Clarence and Bernice (Metzger) Gump. His mother survives in Bronson.

On June 7, 1969, in Petersburg, Va., he married Beatrice Marie Ryder. She died April 30, 1999.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Roger McCoy of Howe; a son, Thomas Gump of Burr Oak, Mich.; a stepson, David Kamery of Howe; a nephew, Buddy Ryder of Hillsdale, Mich., whom he raised; his special friend, Irene Hunter of Sturgis, Mich.; four brothers, Harold Gump of Bronson, Mich., Roy Gump of Burr Oak, Mich., Terry Gump of Mendon, Mich., and Gary Gump of Burr Oak, Mich.; two sisters, Verda Meek of Burr Oak, Mich., and Betty McQuiston of Meadsville, Pa.; a brother-in-law, Harley Bercaw of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Susan Gump of Bronson, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Gump, and a sister, Eunice Bercaw.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Pleasant Hill Missionary Church in Bronson, Mich., with the Rev. Paul Metzger officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery will full military rites by the Orland Post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson, Mich.

Memorials are to the LaGrange office of the American Cancer Society.

Private messages may be left for the family at www.kolcz.com.

Rolland Hippenhammer

WOLCOTTVILLE — Rolland E. Hippenhammer, 89, of Wolcottville, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at 1:17 p.m. in his home. He had been ill for three years.

Mr. Hippenhammer lived most of his life in the Noble County and Wolcottville area. He retired as a lineman with B&O Railroad in 1977. He attended Liberty Freewill Baptist Church.

He was born Dec. 3, 1915, in Noble County to Harry E. and Della M. (LaFever) Hippenhammer.

On Nov. 25, 1941, in Fort Wayne, he married Evelyn Schlabach. She died Dec. 25, 1968.

In October 1973, he married Bessie Hippenhammer. She died in 1986.

He also married Ashley Hippenhammer, and she died in 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Jim Ausderan of Angola; four sons and daughters-in-law, Roy and Nancy Hippenhammer of Wolcottville, John and Cassandra Hippenhammer of Kendallville, Don and Marsha Hippenhammer of LaGrange, and Rick and Cheryl Hippenhammer of Wolcottville; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and Bruce Sizemore, with whom he made a home.

He also was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville. Earl Rose will officiate. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday after 2 p.m. at the church.

Hutchins Funeral Home of Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice or Liberty Freewill Baptist Church.

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Ruth Terry

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Terry, 71, of Kendallville, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at 1:15 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Terry had been employed in the past as a nurses' aide with the Irene Byron Healthcare Center in Fort Wayne and the Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center. She most recently worked with Meyer's Orchard Farm east of Kendallville.

She was born Jan. 6, 1933, in Kentucky to Joe and Lola (Hicks) Elliott.

She married Ellis Terry, and he preceded her in death Feb. 8, 1979.

Mrs. Terry

Surviving are a son, Johnny Terry of Kendallville; four daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Farrell Tuttle of Kendallville, Karen and Danny Gerlock of Fort Wayne, Brenda and Vernon Wallen of Wawaka, and Janet and Larry Bohde of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Faye Patterson of Rome City and Jean Bassler of Pennsylvania; three brothers, James Elliott of LaGrange, Denver Elliott of Orland and Leon Elliott of Peru.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Clent Terry on Aug. 25, 1997, and Timothy Terry in 1959; a brother, Clovis Hoover; and three sisters, Marie Duszynski, Georgie Orange and Virginia Johnson.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Pastor Charles Mosley will officiate. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

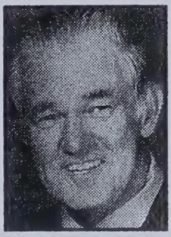
Send condolences or sign the guest book at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dale Conrad

LAGRANGE — Dale Eugene Conrad, 71, of LaGrange, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at 10:47 p.m. in his home.

Mr. Conrad was retired from Multi-Plex in Howe. He came to LaGrange in 1966 from Mendon, Mich.

Mr. Conrad was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a life member of Sturgis Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 215 and LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351.



Mr. Conrad

He was born July 10, 1933, in Mendon, Mich., to August and Hazel (Baker) Conrad. They preceded him in death.

On Sept. 30, 1966, in Bremen, he married Ruth A. Smith. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Randy Conrad of Arizona, Ronnie J. and Beth Conrad of Topeka and Christopher T. Conrad of Goshen; three stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Pam and Eldie Byler of LaGrange, Sherry Schneider of Wolcottville and Terri Heller of LaGrange; two stepsons and their spouses, Daniel and Nancy Hedges of LaGrange and Dennis and Vernie Hedges of LaGrange; a sister, Lois Allan of Mendon, Mich.; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert Conrad, Estol Conrad and Galen Conrad.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. The Rev. Paul Faroh will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

William Smith

SHIPSHEWANA — William "Bill" R. Smith, 72, of Shipshewana died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at 1:34 a.m. in his residence after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mr. Smith was a lifelong resident of the Shipshewana area. He was retired as the co-owner of Smith Welding in Shipshewana. He was a member of the Shipshewana United Methodist Church and a 32nd degree Mason belonging to the Meridian Sun Lodge in LaGrange. He loved golf.

Mr. Smith was an Army veteran, serving in the Korean War.

He was born Oct. 2, 1932, in LaGrange County to Robert W. and Evelyn (Plank) Smith. They preceded him in death.

On July 3, 1958, in Payola, Kan., he married Carol VanWick. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Terri and Richard Hart, a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Melissa Smith, and three grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by two sisters, Doris Burleson and Jean Treece, and a brother, Richard Smith.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 201 S. Main St., Middlebury. The Rev. Charles McPeek of the Shipshewana United Methodist Church will officiate.

Calling will be Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Masonic service Monday at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital Center for Cancer Care or Goshen General Hospital Hospice.

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Martha Duguid

GARRETT — Martha J. Duguid, 81, of Garrett died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at 11:07 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Duguid worked as a secretary for Insurance Trustees in Garrett, retiring in 1984. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and had lived in Garrett for 57 years.

She was born Oct. 27, 1923, in Sturgis, Mich., to Victor and Louise (Wakeman) Hill.

She married Robert J. Duguid in Garrett in November 1947. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steve R. Duguid of Garrett, and Jim P. and Pat Duguid of Huntington; one granddaughter, Jenny Duguid of Indianapolis; one grandson, Matt Duguid of Huntington; a great-granddaughter, Colleen Duguid of Huntington; and one sister.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, a brother and four sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

S. Darlene Siebenaler

EDON, Ohio — S. Darlene Siebenaler, 75, of Edon, Ohio, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005, at 7:14 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been a patient there since Dec. 17.

Mrs. Siebenaler was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Blakeslee, Ohio. She graduated from Edon High School in 1947.

She was born July 18, 1929, near Montpelier, Ohio, to Fay and Susie (Stantz) Thorp.

She married Lavon W. Siebenaler on Feb. 18, 1950, in Blakeslee. He died Oct. 31, 1985.

Surviving are four daughters and their husbands and a fiance, Diane Sprow and her fiance, Bill Moore, of Edon, Teresa and Jody Miller of Edon, Kathleen and Todd Long of Edon and Cindy and Doug Mock of Montpelier; four sons and their wives and fiancee, Lonnie and Kenda Siebenaler of Humansville, Mo., Randy Siebenaler and his fiancee, Lucy Meehan, of Edgerton, Ohio, Chip and Amy Siebenaler of Edon and Steve and Chris Siebenaler of Butler; 23 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Victor Thorp of Glendale, Ariz.; and one sister, Phyllis Hug of Edon.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Milton and Michael; four brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church at Blakeslee. Father Frederick Duschl will officiate. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery near Blakeslee.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, 204 W. Indiana St., Edon, with a Scripture service at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Howard Reed

BRIGHTON, Mich. — Howard L. Reed, 77, of Brighton and Montgomery, Mich., died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Reed was born in Kentucky on April 17, 1927. He was married to Jean Betty Copek, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 30, 1991.

He was retired from Ford Motor Co. in Wixom, Mich., where he had worked as a millwright.

He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Surviving are a son, Jack C. Mays of Montgomery, Mich.; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Phyllis and Michael Dow of Dearborn Heights, Mich.; two grandsons and granddaughters-in-law, Stephen J. and Victoria Mays of Edon, Ohio, and William C. and Shirley Mays of Belleville, Mich.; and four great-grandchildren, Michael and Kim Dow and Roy and Ron Mays.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Dale Miller officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in California Cemetery, Montgomery, with military committal services performed by members of the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post.

Memorials are to Montgomery Church of the United Brethren in Christ, P.O. Box 153, Montgomery, MI 49255.

Fern Carr

AUBURN — Fern Mavis (Bailey) Carr, 89, of Auburn died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Carr was born Feb. 9, 1915. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, school bus driver, school cook, factory worker, seamstress and good friend.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe and WELCA, and a member emeritus of the Ladies Literary Guild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey A. Carr; her parents, Robert and Odessa Bailey; a brother, Russell; and a sister, Katherine.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Nicholas and Darlene Carr of St. Joe; three daughters and two sons-in-law, R. Andrea (Carr) and Larry Barber of Bloomington, Melanie (Carr) Gafken of Hamilton and F. Renee (Carr) and Larry Collins of Waterloo; 11 grandchildren and their spouses, Shannon (Barber) and James Dion of Portage, Mich., Erin (Barber) and Frank Flesser III of Bloomington, Christopher Barber of Bloomington, K. Michael and Jackie Barber of Bloomington, Paul and Jody Carr of Butler, Kyle and Cindy Carr of Fort Wayne, Elizabeth Gafken of Bayonne, N.J., Rebecca Gafken of Hamilton, Victoria Gafken of Hamilton, Kevan Collins of Angola and Benjamin Collins of Waterloo; and 10 great-grandchildren, William, Joseph, Ian, Emma, Jillina, Isaiah, Allison, Kaila, Alexander and Lillian.

Private viewing will be at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Edward Gump

HOWE — Edward A. Gump, 62, of Howe and formerly of Bronson, Mich., died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at Sturgis Hospital in Sturgis, Mich., following an illness of several years.

Mr. Gump was born Jan. 5, 1942, in Bronson, to Clarence and Bernice (Metzger) Gump. He lived his entire life in the Branch County, Mich., and LaGrange County areas. He married Beatrice Ryder on June 7, 1969, in Petersburg, Va. She died on April 30, 1999.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving several years in Europe and two years in Vietnam, taking part in the TET counteroffensive in 1969. He retired in October 1998 from the Campbell Soup Co., where he worked as a supervisor for 26 1/2 years. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 423 in Orland, and the VFW in Sturgis.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Roger McCoy of Howe; a son, Thomas Gump of Burr Oak, Mich.; a stepson, David Karney of Howe; a nephew whom he raised, Buddy Ryder of Hillsdale, Mich.; a special friend, Irene Hunter of Sturgis; his mother, Bernice Gump of Bronson; four brothers, Harold Gump of Bronson, Roy Gump and Gary Gump, both of Burr Oak, Mich. and Terry Gump of Mendon, Mich.; two sisters, Verda Meek of Burr Oak and Betty McQuiston of Meadsville, Pa.; a brother-in-law, Harley Bercaw of Sturgis; a sister-in-law, Susan Gump of Bronson; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Gump, and a sister, Eunice Bercaw.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Pleasant Hill Missionary Church, Bronson, with the Rev. Paul Metzger officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson.

Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, with military rites conducted by members of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County office of the American Cancer Society.

Homer Snyder

AUBURN — Homer Snyder, 79, of Auburn, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Clifford Dennison Jr.

NEWVILLE — Clifford E. Dennison Jr., 42, of Newville died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at his home.

He graduated from Angola High School in 1980 and was a laborer at a workshop in Angola for five years.

He was born Sept. 3, 1962, in Auburn to Clifford E. Dennison Sr. and Helen K. Dennison. His parents survive in Newville.

Also surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Scott and Rita Dennison of Mulberry, Fla., Tim and Diana Dennison of Auburn and Michael and Bethann Dennison of Newville; two nephews; and one niece.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert A. Williford, and his grandparents, Wesley and Lida Dennison and Verl and Vernice Watson.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Darrin Langford of the Newville Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to RISE Inc., 1600 Wohlert St., Angola IN 46703.

Donald Gerzmehle

LAGRANGE — Donald S. Gerzmehle, 81, of LaGrange died at 2:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Gerzmehle had moved to LaGrange in 1963 from Arlington, Texas.

He had retired from Duo-Therm Corp. in LaGrange.

Mr. Gerzmehle was a member of the LaGrange County Shrine Club, Meridian Sun Lodge No. 76 F&AM, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne and Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 5, 1923, in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., to Louis and Dorothy (Duxbury) Gerzmehle. On June 16, 1945, in Wisconsin Rapids, he married Lorraine B. Severson. She survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Dale and Gerald Gerzmehle, both of Wisconsin Rapids; a sister and brother-in-law, Arly Mae and Nathan Witt of Wisconsin Rapids; three grandchildren, Josh Gerzmehle of Middlebury, Dea Burlew of Chesterfield, Mich., and Douglas Gerzmehle Jr. of Ypsilanti, Mich.; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Gerzmehle, on Sept. 9, 1996; and a brother, Dick Gerzmehle.

Private family services will be held.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange.

Allen Crockett

LIGONIER — Allen "Ross" Crockett, 64, of Ligonier died at 5:10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, in Avalon Village Nursing Center.

Mr. Crockett

Mr. Crockett had retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 30 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a 23-year member of American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier.

Mr. Crockett enjoyed reading.

He was born Oct. 6, 1940, in Ligonier to Nyell A. and Maxine (Ross) Crockett. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Scott Stark of Gilbert, Ariz.; a son, Gary Crockett of Goshen; a brother, David Crockett of Fort Wayne; a sister, Nila Kay Mitchell of Ligonier; two grandchildren, Hannah and Isabella Stark of Gilbert; and several nieces and nephews.

Military services by American Legion Post 243 will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow with the Rev. Thomas Wiegand officiating.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the grandchildren's education fund through Bank One.

Jerry Mynhier

PLEASANT LAKE — Jerry W. Mynhier, 56, of Pleasant Lake died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005, after a long struggle with cancer.

Mr. Mynhier was born July 20, 1948, in Angola, to Harold and Joan (Phillips) Mynhier.

He was a graduate of Prairie Heights High School, and worked for 38 years for the Indiana Department of Transportation. He served as a member of the Salem Center Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years.

Surviving are his mother, Joan Mynhier; a sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Bruce Dilts of Pleasant Lake; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Kathie Mynhier of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; four nieces and their spouses, Jennifer and Don Abbott, Mandy and Gordon Lake, Carrie and Tom Milham and Nichole Dilts; two stepnieces and their spouses, Stacey and Neal McCue and Shana and Jeff Holden; great-nephews and great-nieces Dalton, Tyler, Hunter, Addison, Claire, Brendan, Kayden and Grayden; and special friends, the Pat Welter family.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Eric Mynhier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hudson United Brethren Church, Hudson, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to services Wednesday. Members of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association will conduct a memorial service at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Burial will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery, Hudson, where members of the Angola Fire Department will conduct color guard services.

Memorials are to the Salem Center Fire Department.

Condolences can be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

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Benjamin Skeens

OCALA, Fla. — Benjamin D. Skeens, 75, of Ocala, Fla., died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at Legacy Hospital in Ocala.

Mr. Skeens was born July 29, 1929, in Kenova, W.V., to Henry Edward and Lucille (Hurt) Skeens. He was an Army veteran and served in the Korean War.

He married Joanne Y. Humbarger on Dec. 31, 1980, and she survives.

He worked as an auto mechanic and retired in 1992.

Also surviving are eight daughters and four sons-in-law, Sue and Ed Kimpel of Edgerton, Ohio, Nancy and Tom Vrell of LaGrange, Pam and Paul Fry of Edon, Ohio, Ann Moore of West Unity, Ohio, Sherri and Dan Lautermilch of Exeter, Calif., Kyra Humbarger of Waller, Texas, Tonya Hughes of Orange Park, Fla. and Beth Roberts of Jacksonville, Fla.; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Charles and Wanda Skeens of Kenova, Bobby and Sharon Skeens and Herbert Skeens, all of Hamilton; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Patricia McKnight of Hamilton, Lola and Doug Musser of Angola, Linda and Steve Best of Edon and Tammy and Rex Nixon of South Point, Ohio; 19 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Burr Funeral Home and Crematory, Bryan, Ohio. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance, Ohio.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Legacy Hospice.

Condolences can be sent at www.burrfh.com.

Irene Wisniewski

FORT WAYNE — Irene J. Wisniewski, 79, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

A 1943 graduate of Central Catholic High School, she was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. She retired from Parkview Hospital as a data recorder.

She was born in Fort Wayne on May 4, 1925, to Joseph A. and Helena (Zuber) Hoevel.

On Jan. 3, 1944, she married Robert Wisniewski Sr. He died in 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Rita and Michael Bell of Hicksville, Ohio and Annie Pollock; one son and one daughter-in-law, Ken and Marge Wisniewski of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Joan Kleber of Fort Wayne and Mary Ellen Drake of Spencerville; and one brother, Brother Lawrence Hoevel of South Carolina.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Robert Jr. and Donald; one daughter, Ruthanne; one granddaughter, Casey Wisniewski; one brother, Leonard; and one sister, Francella.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Jude's Catholic Church, 2130 Pemberton Drive, Fort Wayne, with Father Tom Shoemaker officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

No calling is scheduled.

Memorials are to Masses at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville, Ohio.

Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville, Ohio is handling arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with corrected information about surviving relatives.*

Clifford Dennison Jr.

NEWVILLE — Clifford E. Dennison Jr., 42, of Newville died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at his home.

He graduated from Angola High School in 1980 and was a laborer at a workshop in Angola for five years.

He was born Sept. 3, 1962, in Auburn to Clifford E. Dennison Sr. and Helen K. Dennison. His parents survive in Newville.

Also surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Scott and Rita Dennison of Mulberry, Fla., Tim and Diana Dennison of Auburn and Michael and Bethann Dennison of Newville; seven nephews; and one niece.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert A. Williford, and his grandparents, Wesley and Lida Dennison and Verl and Vernice Watson.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Darrin Langford of the Newville Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be today from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to RISE Inc., 1600 Wohlert St., Angola IN 46703.

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Dorothea Teegardin

HAMILTON — Dorothea E. Teegardin, 87, of Hamilton died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Teegardin ran a beauty shop and was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

A member of the American Bell Association, she collected more than 2,600 bells.

She was born April 20, 1917, in Metz to Ray and Eva Kogin.

On Dec. 24, 1936, she married Orville D. Teegardin.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Edwin and Peg Teegardin of Hamilton and Norm and Margo Teegardin of Bonita Springs, Fla.; one daughter, Annetta Teegardin of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a daughter, Nancy Irene Teegardin.

Services will be Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church, 7780 S. Wayne St., Hamilton with Pastor Norm Fuller and the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Teegardin Cemetery near Hamilton.

Calling will be today from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton.

Memorials are to Hamilton United Methodist Church or Youth For Christ.

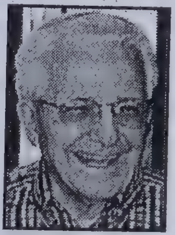
Franklin Gingrich

AUBURN — A public memorial service for Franklin D. Gingrich will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Auburn Alliance Church.

Mr. Gingrich, 85, of Auburn, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, at his home.

Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Auburn Alliance Church and Child Evangelism Fellowship, Box 365, Auburn.



Mr. Gingrich

Arzona Blankenship

LAGRANGE — Arzona Blankenship, 72, of LaGrange died Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at home.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Edna Wedding

AVILLA — Edna F. Wedding, 76, of Avilla died at 10:12 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Edna Herendeen

ALBION — Edna M. Herendeen, 89, of albion died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Archie Altman

ANGOLA — Archie S. Altman, 84, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Altman was born Jan. 25, 1929, in Miller City, Ohio, to Aaron and Lunetta (Wing) Altman. He was the owner of Altman Realty for 30 years, and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423, and Lake Gage Congregational Church.

Surviving are his wife, Doris M. Altman; two sons, Stephen of Orland and David of Fort Wayne; a sister, Kathryn Weekley of Robertsdale, Ala.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Diane Altman; four brothers and two sisters.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Lake Congregational Church, Orland. Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Golden Years Homestead.

Arrangements are being handled by D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct a reporter's error.*

Jerry Mynhier

PLEASANT LAKE — Jerry W. Mynhier, 56, of Pleasant Lake died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005, after a long struggle with cancer.

Mr. Mynhier was born July 20, 1948, in Angola, to Harold and Joan (Phillips) Mynhier.

He was a graduate of Prairie Heights High School, and worked for 38 years for the Indiana Department of Transportation. He served as a member of the Salem Center Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years.

Surviving are his mother, Joan Mynhier; a sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Bruce Dilts of Pleasant Lake; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Kathie Mynhier of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; four nieces and their spouses, Jennifer and Don Abbott, Mandy and Gordon Lake, Carrie and Tom Milham and Nichole Dilts; two stepnieces and their spouses, Stacey and Neal McCue and Shana and Jeff Holden; great-nephews and great-nieces Dalton, Tyler, Hunter, Addison, Claire, Brendan, Kayden and Grayden; and special friends, the Pat Welter family.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Eric Mynhier.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hudson United Brethren Church, Hudson, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Calling will be today from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday. Members of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association will conduct a memorial service at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral Home.

Burial will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery, Hudson, where members of the Angola Fire Department will conduct color guard services.

Memorials are to the Salem Center Fire Department.

Condolences can be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

Homer Snyder

AUBURN — Homer Snyder, 79, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at Northern Indiana Health Care Systems, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Snyder was born Nov. 18, 1925, in Stroh, to Homer and Henrietta (Christlieb) Snyder. He was a World War II veteran, and was retired from Bohn Aluminum Co. in Butler.

He married Rhea Dangler on Aug. 20, 1948. She preceded him in death on Nov. 1, 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Beverly Parsons of Auburn and Cindy Snyder of Hudson; two sons, Larry Snyder of Hudson and Bill Snyder of Garrett; two sisters, Ellen Rowe of Auburn and Luella Boyle of Albion; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hamilton Cemetery, with the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. There will be no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

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Dr. Dean Jackson

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Angola native Dr. Dean B. Jackson, 90, of Louisville died Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at Jefferson Manor Nursing Home in Louisville. He had been in failing health for some time.

He was married to Betty June (Lindsay) Jackson for nearly 60 years, and she preceded him in death in 2000.

Dr. Jackson practiced medicine for 43 years, most of them as a general practitioner in Angola and Hartford City. He graduated from Angola High School in 1931, and went on to Indiana University, where he graduated from medical school and entered the U.S. Public Health Service in 1940.

During World War II, he saw convoy duty in Alaskan waters aboard the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Haida, and also served as a quarantine officer in San Francisco and a prison doctor at the federal reformatory in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Following the war, he began a private practice in Hartford City, where he remained for nearly 25 years. In 1971, he moved to Jimmerson Lake. He practiced medicine in Angola until 1983.

He also served as director of the Angola State Bank, which is now part of Wells Fargo. The Angola bank was founded by Dr. Jackson's father, Archie.

For the past 10 years, Dr. Jackson had been a resident of Louisville.

Surviving are four children, Brooks Jackson of Washington, D.C., Susan Balliet of Louisville, Thomas Jackson of Portland, Ore., and Linda Kurpinski of Huntington Woods, Mich.; and eight grandchildren.

Services and burial will be in Angola in July.

Memorials are to the Osteoporosis Foundation.

Edna Herendeen

ALBION — Edna M. Herendeen, 89, of Albion died at 4:40 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Herendeen was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She had worked as an office clerk at Noble County REMC for 26 years, retiring in 1985.

Mrs. Herendeen was a member of Green Center United Methodist Church.

She was born Oct. 1, 1915, in Green Township in Noble County to Jacob and Utokie (Ragan) Snell. On Oct. 12, 1935, in Albion, she married Elda Herendeen. He died Oct. 29, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Larry Gray of Albion; two sisters, Estalla Henning of Michigan and Jesse Scheurich of Churubusco; two grandsons, Todd Gray and his fiancee, Carrie Miller, and Scott and Linda Gray; and six great-grandchildren, Ashley, Tyler, Zane, Kirby, Haylea and Whitney Gray.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Virgil, Jay and Herbert Snell; and a sister, Hazel Schaeffer.

Services were at 10 a.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Nancy Fergusson officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling was Tuesday.

Memorials are to Green Center United Methodist Church.

Arzona Blankenship

LAGRANGE — Arzona Blankenship, 72 of LaGrange died Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at home.

Mrs. Blankenship was born in Teabury, Ky., on Oct. 6, 1932, to Andy and Hulda (Hamilton) Kiser. She married Condy Blankenship on Aug. 5. 1954. He preceded her in death on Dec. 12, 1987.

She was a member of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Johnny Handshoe of LaGrange; two sons and a daughter-in-law, William Blankenship and his companion Gwen Bradley of Stroh and Darill and Pam Blankenship of Angola; two sisters, Alphia Blankenship of Hudson and Alma Doris Newsome of Big Mudd, Ky.; two brothers, Vernon Kiser of Mongo and Leonard Kiser of Ligon, Ky.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Community Baptist Church, C.R. 700S, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 7 p.m., with an evening service at 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Council on Aging in LaGrange.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Kenneth Lantz

CENTREVILLE, Mich. — Kenneth "Kenny" Lantz, 74, of Centreville died Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.

Mr. Lantz had retired in 1992 from Jayco Industries in Middlebury, Ind. Previously he had worked as a driver for the Amish, a truck driver for Trailer Express in Topeka, Ind., and at Starcraft in Goshen, Ind. At one time he had worked at Goshen Rubber Co.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, old tractors and electric trains. He was a member of Light & Life Wesleyan Church in Three Rivers.

Mr. Lantz was born May 22, 1930, in Topeka to Earl and Sarah Luella (Yoder) Lantz. In 1948 he married Esther Miller and they were later divorced. He then married Rhoda (Gilkison) Hagelgans on Aug. 29, 1991, in Three Rivers. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Marvin E. and Carolyn Lantz of Howe, Ind., Kenneth W. and Kim Lantz of Topeka, Gerry L. and Diane Lantz of Sturgis and Roy Dean Lantz of Sturgis; two stepdaughters, Florence Schrock and her husband, Ron, of Centreville and Julie Peters and her husband, Jon, of Three Rivers; two stepsons, Mike Hagelgans and his fiance, Dyana, of White Pigeon and Jim Hagelgans and his wife, Pat, of Centreville; three sisters, Dorothy Lichti and Betty Kauffman, both of Goshen, and Marietta Morton of South Bend; 10 grandchildren; 12 stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Harold Lantz; a grandson; and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Light & Life Wesleyan Church, 15765 Hoffman Road, Three Rivers, with Pastor Sam Maddox officiating. Burial will be in Prairie River Cemetery in Centreville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Eley Funeral Home, 235 W. Burr Oak St., Centreville.

Memorials are to Light & Life Wesleyan Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Janet McNaughton

MIROMAR LAKES, Fla. — Janet Y. McNaughton, 70, of Miromar Lakes died Friday, Dec. 24, 2004. She had been battling cancer.

Mrs. McNaughton was born Sept. 1, 1934, in Auburn to Glen and Jane Yoquelet.

She attended Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. She had lived the past 18 years in southwestern Florida and enjoyed spending time with her family, playing bridge and taking cruises. She was an award-winning artist known for her sculptures and "Sailor's Valentines."

Surviving are her husband, W. Bruce McNaughton; a daughter, Lisa; three sons, Jeffrey, Douglas and William; and three grandchildren, Crystal, Arielle and Hunter.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gregg.

Private services will be held.

Memorials are to a local hospice or the American Diabetes Association.

Harold Schuster

ROME CITY — Harold G. "Jerry" Schuster, 77, of Rome City died at 10:53 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Schuster had been ill for the past year.

He was a self-employed baker in the Fort Wayne and Rome City area.

Mr. Schuster had served on the Rome City park board.

He was born Feb. 17, 1927, in Grayville to Edward and Marie (Markle) Schuster. In 1945 in Fort Wayne, he married Margaret Butts. She died June 10, 1984.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Don and Linda Schuster of LaPorte and Jon Schuster of Rome City; Mr. Schuster's caregiver and his son Jon's girlfriend Jamie Georgel; a brother, Eugene Schuster of Paw Paw, Mich.; two sisters, Rose Kayser of Fort Wayne and Ruth Sipes of Largo, Fla.; a granddaughter, Amanda Braman; two grandsons, Michael Schuster and Robert Schuster; and three great-grandchildren, Hannah Marie Schuster, Bethany Anne Schuster and Maggie Rae Schuster.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with the Rev. Dan Lash officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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Edna Wedding

AVILLA — Edna F. "Fay" Wedding, 76, of Avilla died at 10:12 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wedding had moved to Avilla in 1965 from Connersville. She had been a secretary at East Noble High School and had worked at the Avilla Library for several years.

She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla and president of the Friends of the Library. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary of Post 240 in Avilla and the VFW Auxiliary of the Garrett Post.

Mrs. Wedding loved to read, knit and crochet. She enjoyed watching football and basketball games, especially when her grandsons played.

She was born Jan. 30, 1928, in Connersville to James and Inez (Lamar) Cotner. They are deceased. On June 3, 1945, in the United Methodist Church in Connersville, she married John Wedding. He died Dec. 3, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, James "Jim" Wedding of Tinian and Brent and Linda Wedding of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Jonnie and Joe Ciezak of Munster; a sister, Joan McCoucha of Cincinnati, Ohio; nine grandchildren, Christopher Arnett, Brent Wedding Jr., Matt Wedding, Jeff Wedding, Michaela Wedding, John Wedding, Virginia Faye Wedding, James Wedding Jr. and Samantha Wedding; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Ben Archer officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Avilla Library.

Karen Zea

AUBURN — Karen D. Zea, 56, of Auburn died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a laborer at RISE Inc. in Angola and a member of Hammond Baptist Church.

She was born Sept. 1, 1948, in Hammond to Lawrence and Clara (Nix) Zea. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, Margaret and Ernie Dillon of Hammond, Dorothy and Lee Reeves of Texas and Sheila and Mike Narin of Hammond; and three brothers, Larry Zea of Warsaw and George Zea and Jerry Zea, both of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Thursday at noon in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St. Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the MS Association.

Gerald Cope

ANGOLA — Lifetime Angola resident Gerald Cope, 57, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at home.

Mr. Cope was born Oct. 29, 1947, in Garrett, to Delbert and Betty (Vaughn) Cope. He was a U.S. Army veteran, and served in the Vietnam War. He worked at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola.

He attended Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, and was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31, George Anspaugh Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7205 in Angola and the Angola Moose Lodge.

Surviving are his mother, Betty Cope of Angola; a son, Shawn Cope of Fremont; a sister, Cynthia "Sam" Junot of Angola; and a granddaughter, Amanda Cope.

He was preceded in death by his father in 2004 and a sister, Lynda Brandanger, in 2004.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Fairview Missionary Church, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County, with military graveside services performed by members of VFW Post No. 7205.

Memorials are to the Amanda Cope Education Fund, care of Shawn Cope.

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Nickolas Wilson

FORT WAYNE — Nickolas Wilson, 10, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Jan. 3, 2005.

Nickolas was a fourth-grader at Washington Center Elementary School and a Boy Scout.

Nickolas Wilson

He was born Dec. 25, 1994, to Paul and Tracy (Chester) Wilson of Fort Wayne. They survive.

Also surviving are two brothers, Ryan Wilson and Cody Wilson; and his grandparents, Harold and Ruth Chester and Robert and Sue McAfee Wilson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to Dream Flight.

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RONALD C. SHROYER

Ronald C. Shroyer, age 68, widely acquainted Churubuscon businessman and a resident of Churubusco, died at 5:15 p.m. Monday, December 27, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been a patient there since December 11.

Mr. Shroyer, was born in Huntington on March 22, 1936, a son of Clarence and Anna (Heath) Shroyer and moved with his parents to Fort Wayne as a young boy.

On November 3, 1956, he was married in Fort Wayne to Janet Louise Gordy. The couple lived all of their married life in Fort Wayne until moving to Churubusco in 1983.

He was employed at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 22 years and also owned and operated Ron's Trucking in Fort Wayne for several years. In 1982, he and his wife purchased a variety and hardware store in Churubusco and owned and operated Shroyer's Variety and True Value Hardware in downtown Churubusco.

The surviving relatives include his wife Janet, to whom he was married for 48 years; his three children Lori Fulk and Kathy (Ted) Hays, both of Churubusco, and Douglas (Michelle) Shroyer of Albion; his mother Anna Wrogeman of Fort Wayne; his sister Shirley (Bob) Henderson of Columbia, South Carolina; and nine grandchildren.

In addition to his father, a son Donald Shroyer preceded him in death in 1974.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 31st, at the Churubusco United Methodist Church with Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus, officiating.

Interment was at the Bower Cemetery in Allen County.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Churubusco United Methodist Church. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

Edna "Fay" F. Wedding

AVILLA — Edna "Fay" F. Wedding, 76, died Monday, January 3, 2005, at 10:12 pm in the Emergency Room at Parkview Noble Community Hospital.

Mrs. Wedding was a secretary at East Noble High School. She also worked at the Avilla Library for several years.

She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, President of the Friends of the Library, Women's Aux of the American Legion, Avilla (Post #240)Women's Aux. VFW, Garrett Lodge.

Edna loved to read, knit and crochet, watch football and basketball, especially when her grandsons played.

She was born January, 30, 1928, in Connersville, Indiana, to James and Inez (Lamar) Cotner, both decreased. On June 3, 1945, she married John Wedding at the United Methodist Church in Connersville. He passed away on Dec. 3, 2000. Mrs. Wedding moved to Avilla in 1965 from Connersville.

Also surviving are two sons, James (Jim) Wedding, of Tinian and Brett (Linda) Wedding of Kendallville; one daughter, Jonnie (Joe) Ciezak, of Munster, Indiana; nine grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. One sister, Joan McCoucha, Cincinnati, OH.

Services will be Saturday, January 8, 2005 with pastor Ben Archer officiating. Visitation will be Friday, January 7, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, Avilla. Burial in the Avilla Cemetery .

Memorials are to Avilla Library.

Daniel Cartwright

ALBION — Daniel Smith Cartwright, 36, of Albion died at 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Cartwright was a farmer and had been a lifetime resident of the Green Center area.

He was a member of Sugar Grove Church of God. He collected miniature farm tractors and agriculture-related hats.

Mr. Cartwright has participated for several years in combine demolition derbies. In high school he was a member of the wrestling team and the Future Farmers of America.

He was born June 29, 1968, in Columbia City to Richard L. and Barbara K. (Smith) Cartwright. They survive in Albion.

Also surviving are a sister, Carmen Cartwright of Jefferson City, Tenn.; a brother and sister-in-law, Andrew and Laura Cartwright of Fort Wayne; a niece, Alyssa Cartwright of Fort Wayne; and his grandmothers, Irene Smith of Columbia City and Donna Cartwright of LaOtto.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Sugar Grove Church of God with Pastor Tim Grable officiating.

Memorials are to the family to offset Mr. Cartwright's medical expenses.

Ruth Terry

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Terry, 71, of Kendallville, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Terry had been employed in the past as a nurses' aide with the Irene Byron Healthcare Center in Fort Wayne and the Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center. She most recently worked with Meyer's Orchard Farm east of Kendallville.

She was born Jan. 6, 1933, in Kentucky to Joe and Lola (Hicks) Elliott.

She married Ellis Terry, and he preceded her in death Feb. 8, 1979.

Surviving are a son, Johnny Terry of Kendallville; four daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Farrel Tuttle of Kendallville, Karen and Danny Gerlock of Fort Wayne, Brenda and Vernon Wallen of Wawaka, and Janet and Larry Bohde of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Faye Patterson of Rome City and Jean Bassler of Pennsylvania; three brothers, James Elliott of LaGrange, Denver Elliott of Orland and Leon Elliott of Peru.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Clent Terry on Aug. 25, 1997, and Timothy Terry in 1959; a brother, Clovis Hoover; and three sisters, Marie Duszynski, Georgie Orange and Virginia Johnson.

Services were held Wednesday, January 5, 2005, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Pastor Charles Mosley officiated. Burial was at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

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Edward Meyer

AVILLA — Edward William Meyer, 83, of Avilla died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home where he had been a resident since 1999.

Mr. Meyer was a lifetime resident of Avilla. He had retired in the early 1980s from ITT. He had also worked for several years at Tokheim and Bowser in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Mr. Meyer enjoyed riding his bicycle and helping others while he lived at LaVerna Terrace and at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

He was born April 21, 1921, in Avilla to William G. and Gertrude A. (Snider) Meyer. They are deceased.

Surviving are three sisters, Agnes Tilbury of Fort Wayne and Sister Marie Meyer and Burnadette Teders, both of Avilla; and a brother and sister-in-law, Francis "Fyi" and Theresa Meyer of Avilla.

Also preceding him in death were three brothers, Robert, Herman and Bernard Meyer, and three sisters, Mildred Fischer, Wilma Schmenk and Evelyn Freeman.

Services were held Saturday, January 1, 2005, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

(Lucy) Faye Mullins

WOLF LAKE — Lucy Faye Mullins, 63, of Wolf Lake died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mrs. Mullins was a homemaker and had been employed for eight years at Tokheim Corp. in Albion.

She was a member of Big Lake Church of God in Columbia City.

She was born Sept. 6, 1941, in Floyd County, Ky., to Herbert and Martha (Sexton) Bentley. On April 2, 1961, she married Vernon R. Mullins. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sherry Mullins of Wolf Lake, and Susan and Kevin Moore and Shelly and Lloyd Geiger, all of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Russell Uptgraft of Churubusco; a brother, Stevie Bentley of Ligonier; five grandchildren, Dane and Heather Leitch of Wolf Lake, and Dylan Baxter, Nathan and Hannah Geiger, all of Albion; and two nieces and their husbands, Jamie and Brian Smith of Albion and Angie and Todd Weber of Merriam.

Services were held Thursday, December 30, 2004, at Big Lake Church of God with Pastor Tim Kumfer officiating. Burial was in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to Women's Ministries of Big Lake Church of God, 6955 N. State Road 109, Columbia City, IN.

Edna Herendeen

ALBION — Edna M. Herendeen, age 89, died January 2, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

A lifetime resident of Noble County, she was born October 1, 1915, to Jacob and Utokie (Ragan) Snell in Green Township.

On October 12, 1935, she was married to Elda Herendeen in Albion. Mr. Herendeen died on October 29, 1996.

She was employed as an office clerk for Noble County REMC for 26 years. She retired in 1985. She was a member of Green Center United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Herendeen is survived by a daughter, Lois (Larry) Gray of Albion; two grandsons, Todd Gray and fiancée Carrie Miller and Scott (Linda) Gray; six great-grandchildren, Ashley, Tyler, Zane, Kirby, Haylea and Whitney Gray; and two sisters, Estalla Henning of Michigan, Jesse Scheurich of Churubusco.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elda; parents; three brothers, Virgil, Jay and Herbert Snell; and one sister, Hazel Schaeffer.

Services were held Wednesday, January 5, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

For those who wish, memorials are to the church.

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Merritt Winebrenner

The family of Merritt Winebrenner would like to take this time to thank everyone for their kind words and all the memories that they shared with us about the store. We received so many wonderful cards with writings about what dad meant to them in their life. He did touch so many people's lives in this community. We are glad that he shared his life with so many great people whom he knew, all as his friends.

Thanks so much to everyone who provided food. A special thank you to Angie Lortie, the Derrow family, the David Richter family, the Steve Kirkpatrick family, Jim Wellman, Linda Knafel, and the Eagles Auxiliary of Albion for all they did during our sorrowed time.

Thanks to the pall bearers and the many people who called the family with their support. There were so many beautiful flowers and donations given in memory of our loved one.

The memory of Merritt Winebrenner and the South Side Grocery will always be a part of history in Albion.

Evelyn Winebrenner
Nancy Clouse
Terry, Brenda and Caleb Winebrenner
Jean Carnahan

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Patricia Freers

ELKHART — Patricia J. Freers, 79, of Elkhart died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at her home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Freers

Mrs. Freers was a 1943 graduate of Auburn High School where she was a cheerleader and active in athletics. She also played women's semi-professional softball.

She joined the Women's Army Air Corps (WAC) in 1945 and was honorably discharged in 1946.

Mrs. Freers retired as vice president of Freers Ice Cream Co. Inc. in Elkhart. She formerly worked for the Elkhart County Treasurer's Office and G.L. Perry Variety Store.

She was an avid sports enthusiast and an active area golfer. She was an avid Indiana University sports fan during the Bob Knight era. She was a former member of Maplecrest Country Club in Goshen and an active member of Bent Oaks Golf Club and the Bent Oaks Ladies Golf Association in Elkhart.

She was born March 25, 1925, in Auburn, to Clyde and Sophia (Picker) Phelps.

She married Don P. Freers on July 6, 1946, in Auburn, and he survives in Elkhart.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff L. and Janice Freers of Elkhart; a daughter and son-in-law, Pastor Jill A. and Bruce Wright of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Matt Freers of Elkhart, Molly Freers of State College, Pa., and Michael and Megan Wright of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews, including Joe Donaldson of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Jesse, John, Alfred and Jack Phelps, and three sisters, Gertrude Longbrake, Georgia Donaldson and Grace Boomer.

A cremation has taken place.

A celebration of her life will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the Elkhart General Community Hospice, the American Lung Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

The Billings Funeral Home, 812 Baldwin St., Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

Memories and condolences may be shared at www.billingsfuneralhome.com.

Blanche Baker

AUBURN — Blanche L. Baker, 91, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Before her retirement, she worked at the Messenger Corp. for 35 years. After she retired in 1976, she became a volunteer worker at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, Ladies of ACD and DeKalb Hospital Guild.

She was born Nov. 1, 1913, in Jackson Township to Robert D. and Estella (Herrick) Welch, and they are deceased.

On Dec. 24, 1946, she married Lowell Baker. He died on April 7, 1982.

Surviving are one stepson and his wife, L. Jack and Carol J. Baker of Lafayette; one brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Mary Welch of Auburn; three stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Dale Williams officiating.

Burial will be in Sherwood Cemetery in Sherwood, Ohio.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

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John Williams

AUBURN — John L. Williams, 92, of Auburn died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at Wesley Health Care, Auburn.

Mr. Williams was a former Waterloo resident and owned and operated Owls Roost Antiques in Waterloo.

He was a 59-year member of American Legion Post 97, Auburn, and was a World War II Navy veteran.

He was born Dec. 19, 1912, in Mount Ayr, Iowa, to John Albert and Helen Josephine (Wood) Williams and they are deceased.

He married Jewell Darling on May 16, 1947, in Auburn, and she died April 8, 1984.

He is survived by a daughter, Julie K. Sproat of Waterloo; a grandson and his wife, Scott and Stacy Sproat of Auburn; and three great-grandchildren, Will, Ty and Reid Sproat.

He was preceded in death by six sisters and a brother.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Fr. Dave Carkenord officiating.

Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association or the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Woman dies in crash

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — A Fremont woman was killed in a two-car crash that happened Wednesday afternoon on a snow-covered S.R. 827.

Debra Herron, 54, of Fremont, was pronounced dead at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola. Herron died as a result of blunt force trauma to the head, a news release from the Steuben County Sheriff's Department said.

Steuben County Sheriff Rick Lewis said the accident happened shortly before 4 p.m. on S.R. 827 about a half-mile south of C.R. 200N, where Brian Carlson, 18, of Angola, was driving southbound in a Mercury Sable. Carlson lost control of his car as he was negotiating a curve.

Carlson's vehicle went left of center, and he hit the Dodge Stratus Herron was driving northbound. Herron and Carlson were both transported from the scene by ambulance to Cameron.

Carlson sustained a dislocated toe in the accident. He was treated and released from the hospital.

Lewis said both Carlson and Herron were wearing seatbelts, and that airbags in both vehicles deployed after the impact.

Assisting Steuben County Sheriff's Department officers at the scene were representatives from the Indiana State Police, Angola Police Department, Steuben County Emergency Medical Services, Angola Fire and Rescue and the Indiana Department of Transportation.

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Margaret Ellington

Margaret Ellington, 42, of Ligonier, died Friday, December 31, 2004, at her home.

She had lived in the Ligonier area for 18 years. Before that, she had been a resident of Hawaii and Ohio. She was a homemaker and a member of Hope Church in Ligonier.

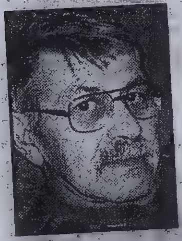
She enjoyed crocheting for others, scrapbooking her trip to Hawaii and spending time with friends and family. She had an extensive collection of turtles from around the world.

She was born Aug. 1, 1962, in California to Raymond John and Carolyn (Scott) Van Drew. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are her fiance, Ronnie Lovelace of Logansport; a brother, Michael Van Drew of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Deborah Marie Van Drew of Dayton, Ohio, and Elaine Miretti of Cromwell; six nieces and nephews and two great-nieces.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, January 5 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with pastor Randy Foreman officiating. Calling was at her home, following the memorial service.

Allen Crockett


Mr. Crockett

Allen "Ross" Crockett, 64, of Ligonier died at 5:10 p.m. Friday, December 31, 2004, in Avalon Village Nursing Center.

Mr. Crockett had retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 30 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a 23-year member of American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier.

Mr. Crockett enjoyed reading.

He was born Oct. 6, 1940, in Ligonier to Nyell A. and Maxine (Ross) Crockett. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Scott Stark of Gilbert, Ariz.; a son, Gary Crockett of Goshen; a brother, David Crockett of Fort Wayne; a sister, Nila Kay Mitchell of Ligonier; two grandchildren, Hannah and Isabella Stark of Gilbert; and several nieces and nephews.

Military services by American Legion Post 243 were held on Wednesday, January 5 at Orr Funeral Home, followed by a memorial service with the Rev. Thomas Wiegand officiating.

Calling was also Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the grandchildren's education fund through Bank One.

Ruth Terry

Mrs. Terry

Ruth Terry, 71, of Kendallville, died Friday, December 31, 2004, at 1:15 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Terry had been employed in the past as a nurses' aide with the Irene Byron Healthcare Center in Fort Wayne and the Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center. She most recently worked with Meyer's Orchard Farm east of Kendallville.

She was born Jan. 6, 1933, in Kentucky to Joe and Lola (Hicks) Elliott.

She married Ellis Terry, and he preceded her in death Feb. 8, 1979.

Surviving are a son, Johnny Terry of Kendallville; four daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Farrell Tuttle of Kendallville, Karen and Danny Gerlock of Fort Wayne, Brenda and Vernon Wallen of Wawaka, and Janet and Larry Bohde of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Faye Patterson of Rome City and Jean Bassler of Pennsylvania; three brothers, James Elliott of LaGrange, Denver Elliott of Orland and Leon Elliott of Peru.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Clent Terry on Aug. 25, 1997, and Timothy Terry in 1959; a brother, Clovis Hoover; and three sisters, Marie Duszynski, Georgie Orange and Virginia Johnson.

Services were Wednesday January 5 at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial was at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling was on Tuesday, January 4 at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dean Powers

KENDALLVILLE — Dean K. Powers, 82, of Kendallville died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Mr. Powers

Mr. Powers had been a heavy equipment operator for more than 40 years with Operating Engineers Union, Local 103, of Fort Wayne before retiring in 1987.

He was a United States Air Force veteran of World War II. He served as a master sergeant from 1940-1954.

Mr. Powers was a member of American Legion Post 86 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He was born June 3, 1922, in Steuben County to Orville and Blanche (Fireovid) Powers. On June 10, 1965, in Angola he married Shirley Maxine Morr. She died June 6, 1984.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Deanna and Bret Rodenbeck and Janice and Larry Leighty, all of Kendallville; a son, John Schlichtenmyer of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Imogene and Marion Hamman of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren, Jessica, Blake, Sydney and Madeline Rodenbeck, Marc and Ryan Schlichtenmyer, Sophia Foster, John, Kevin and Paul Rouch, Jeremy Trowbridge, and Dean and Isabelle Bramson; and four great-grandchildren, Draik and Elliot Rouch, Samantha Foster and Laney Schlichtenmyer.

Also preceding him in death were a daughter, Judith Bramson on Sept. 11, 1998; and three brothers, Ovid, Foye and DeVon Powers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery with member of VFW Post 2749 conduction military graveside services.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are to Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Gladys Day

WILLARD, Ohio — Former Angola resident Gladys Irene Day, 68, of Willard, Ohio, died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005, at St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Day was born July 11, 1936, in Hazard, Ky., to David and Rue Compton. She worked at Campbell Mushroom Farm for 15 years.

Surviving are three daughters, Marsha Straw and Melanie Goshorn, both of Angola, and Marilyn Terry of Stroh; three brothers, Chester Compton of Willard, Willie Compton of Hazard and Mitchell Compton of Coshocton, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bobby Day, in 1987; two sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be one hour before services.

Collins Redmond

FORT WAYNE — Collins J. Redmond, 80, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Redmond was a supervisor of maintenance for International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 37 years, retiring in 1980.

He was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and a Knights of Columbus honorary life member of Council 1790, holding a third and fourth degree in Garrett. He was a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

He was born July 16, 1924, in Garrett to Bernard and Margaret (Kricher) Redmond.

He married Mary Helen Miller on April 24, 1946, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan M. and Rod Dillon of Fort Wayne and Carol A. and Glenn Hartshorn of Center Pointe, Iowa; six grandchildren, Todd Dillon and his wife, Jennifer, Robbie Dillon, Greg Dillon, Emily Christlieb, Kati Christlieb and Jonathan Christlieb; and two great-grandchildren, Haley and Selene.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, James Redmond and Frank Redmond, and two sisters, Virginia Lumm and Kate Cole.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 10700 Aboite Center Road, Fort Wayne, with Father Jim Shafer officiating.

Calling will be today from 3 to 8 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne and Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses or to Visiting Nurse and Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Beulah Chapman

KENDALLVILLE — Beulah Doris Chapman, 91, of Kendallville died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Chapman had been employed for many years at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville.

She was a member of Royal Neighbors and St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She was born Jan. 4, 1914, in Kendallville to Warren and Grace (Svoboda) Sexton Sr. On Aug. 26, 1931, in Noble County she married Bernard Ray Chapman. He died April 24, 1975.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Ross Jett of Wawaka; five grandchildren and their spouses, Roger and Cherry Jett of Ligonier, Kathy Jett of Ithaca, N.Y., Linda Edwards of Albion, Mike and Deb Chapman of Kendallville and Steve and Cathy Chapman of Kendallville; 11 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; a nephew, Randy Sexton of Kendallville; and three nieces, Beth Rohlfing and Carol Blume, both of Kendallville, and Julie Ramage of Texas.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Bernard Warren Chapman on May 3, 2004; two brothers, Warren Sexton Jr. and Lawrence Sexton; and a sister, Helen Chapman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Parkview Noble Hospital.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Helen Pyzowski

INDIANAPOLIS — Former Angola resident Helen C. Pyzowski, 76, of Indianapolis died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005.

Mrs. Pyzowski was born Sept. 12, 1928, in Frackville, Pa., to Alex and Helen (Seylock) Zawaski. She married John Pyzowski on Aug. 3, 1946, in Frackville, and he preceded her in death.

She was a Red Cross volunteer, and a member of the Angola Business and Professional Women. She belonged to St. John the Baptist Polish National Catholic Church in Frackville, Holy Family Episcopal Church in Angola, Church of the Holy Spirit in Safety Harbor, Fla. and St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Dr. Gerald Braverman; a sister, Cecelia Pyzowski; and three grandchildren and their spouses, Lara and Todd Krebs, Michael and Kelly Braverman and Matthew Braverman.

She was also preceded in death by a son, J.R. Pyzowski, and a brother, Charles.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Baptist Polish National Church. Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in the St. John the Baptist Polish National Church Cemetery in Frackville.

Memorials are to American Heart Association, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 7915 S. Emerson Ave., PMB 256, Indianapolis, IN 46227 or the Altenheim Community, 3525 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227.

Arrangements were handled by G.H. Hermann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, Indianapolis.

Virginia Poppy

Mrs. Poppy

ELKHART — Virginia C. Poppy, 87, of Elkhart and formerly of Ligonier and Chicago, died at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, in Elkhart General Hospital.

She had retired from Essex Wire in 1950 and spent her winters in Florida.

Mrs. Poppy was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church of Elkhart and the women's group at the church.

She enjoyed bowling, reading, crosswords, card and board games, movies, plays, eating out and watching Notre Dame basketball games.

She was born Sept. 12, 1917, in Kendallville to George W. and Mable E. (Seitz) Honert. She married Don Poppy on Oct. 30, 1937, in Wawaka. He preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1986.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Bob Humphrey of Elkhart and Christine and Bill Bunta of Elk Grove Village, Ill.; a son, David Poppy of Indianapolis; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Kathryn Michael and a grandson, Jeremy Fernbaugh.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier with the Rev. Karen Koelsch officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery of Ligonier.

Calling will be from 1-2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

Debra Herron

FREMONT — Debra L. Herron, 54, of Fremont died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Miss Herron was born May 4, 1950, in North Platte, Nebraska, to Ancel C. Jr. and Betty J. (Sheldon) Herron.

She was the education manager for Vistula Head Start for Steuben and LaGrange counties for 23 years. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Surviving are her parents, Ancel and Betty Herron of Fremont; a brother, Dale Herron of Ponco City, Okla.; two nephews and four nieces.

Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 768 N. S.R. 827, Angola, with Ross Riches and Tom Wilson officiating. Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Humanitarian Aid Fund at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Irene Weiss

THREE RIVERS, Mich. — Irene P. Weiss, 92, of Three Rivers died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at Three Rivers Area Hospital.

Mrs. Weiss had moved to Three Rivers in 1973 from Mongo, Ind.

She was an assembler at Wade Electric in Sturgis.

Mrs. Weiss was born Nov. 5, 1912, in LaGrange County, Ind., to Garfield and Eldora (Thomas) Nelson. On March 5, 1955, in LaGrange she married Maynard Weiss. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Richard Kufeldt of Mundelein, Ill.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia Parshall who died June 25, 2002; a grandson, Danny Ransbottom; a granddaughter, Cynthia Ringler; four brothers, Clifford, Roy, Sam and Lee Nelson; and a sister, June Hentzell.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. William Foster officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Irene Neaman

KENDALLVILLE — Irene Neaman, 80, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at 8 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Neaman

Mrs. Neaman was a former resident of Fort Wayne, Churubusco and Story Lake near Ashley. She had been a resident at Shepherd of the Hill for the past five years and had been seriously ill since July.

She was a homemaker for most of her life and also served as a volunteer at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site on Sylvan Lake.

She was born Jan. 5, 1925, in Churubusco.

She married Bernard L. Neaman on Sept. 4, 1943, in Coldwater, Mich. He died Sept. 16, 1992.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Terry and Jerry Perkins of Hudson; a son, Lyle Neaman of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Vivian and Jack Wood of Yerington, Nev.; an aunt, Nancy Espin and her husband, Chris, of Battle Creek, Mich.; a granddaughter and her husband, Marlene and Aaron Lewis of Ashley; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Dolores Fletcher, in 1992.

Private family services will be at the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, P.O. Box 429, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Michael Anderson

AUBURN — Michael Duane Anderson, 12 days, died Dec. 31, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 19, 2004, at Parkview Hospital.

Surviving are his mother, Janet R. Anderson of Auburn; a brother, Landon Anderson of Auburn; grandparents Bart and Cindy Anderson of Auburn; an aunt, Tiffany Anderson of Auburn; and an uncle, Loyd Dye, and his wife, Kristie, of Auburn.

Services have taken place. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

Blaine Garard

HOAGLAND — Blaine I. Garard, 89, of Hoagland died at 3:15 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005, at Ossian Health Care.

Mr. Garard was the owner of Maumee Weldments, a steel fabricating facility.

He had lived most of his life in the Fort Wayne area.

Mr. Garard was a member of Home Lodge F&AM No. 342 and Star of the East No. 514.

He was born June 14, 1915, in Decatur to Benjamin and Blanche (Marvin) Garard. On Feb. 18, 1936, in Coldwater, Mich., he married Violet M. Garard. She died Sept. 17, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Bonita and Stanley Baker of Hoagland; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Bonny J. Dillon; and a brother, Charles Garard.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's disease.

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4 killed in Avilla crash

Victims are from Kendallville, LaGrange; 2 hurt

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AVILLA — Four people from Kendallville and LaGrange were killed and two injured Friday night when their car was struck by a wrecker truck pulling a disabled vehicle at the intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 at the east edge of Avilla.

The car ended up on its top in a ditch on the west side of S.R. 3's southbound lanes.

Stephen Summers, 58, and Evelyn Summers, both of LaGrange, and Heidi Kilburn, 32, and Morgan Kilburn, 11, both of Kendallville, died at the scene, according to Avilla Town Marshal Glen Wills. Stephen Summers was the driver.

A seriously injured survivor in the car, a male juvenile, was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Fire rescue units from Avilla and Kendallville extracted him from the car.

Wills was on his way to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne at 12:30 a.m. today and did not know the juvenile's name.

Clifford Setser Jr. of Fort Wayne, the driver of the wrecker truck, was treated at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville and released.

According to witnesses and Avilla police, Summers was driving northbound on S.R. 3, then turned west at the intersection into the path of the southbound truck. The impact pushed the car through the intersection and down the embankment and into a ditch where it ended up on its top.

Summers apparently disregarded the omatic signal when turning west to cross the thbound lanes, according to Avilla police.

Fire rescue units and police were called at ut 7:03 p.m. Avilla and Indiana State police, le County Sheriff's Department deputies, lla and Kendallville firefighters and Noble

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DENNIS NARTKER

Four people were killed Friday night at the east edge of Avilla when their vehicle, shown here in the ditch on its top, collided with the wrecker-truck pulling a disabled vehicle, also shown in the background, at the S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 south junction.

CRASH: *2 helicopters responded*

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County EMS emergency medical technicians and paramedics in three ambulances responded.

Two helicopters landed on S.R. 3 to airlift the injured.

Police closed down southbound lanes of S.R. 3 and the east-west lanes of S.R. 8. A roadblock was set up on southbound S.R. 3 at the Weimer Road intersection.

Firefighters set up flood lights and used hydraulic cutters to free the injured from the wreckage.

Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff was called to the scene.

The wrecker truck pulling the disabled vehicle ended up on the west side of S.R. 3.

Investigators were at the scene for about four hours, and the accident remains under investigation.

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Betty Taylor

AUBURN — Betty L. Taylor, 89, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Taylor

Mrs. Taylor was a homemaker and a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

She was born May 12, 1915, in Churubusco to William and Mary Margaret (Dominy) LaMarr.

On July 27, 1939, she married Ward Taylor. He died in 1990.

Surviving are two sisters, Emily Farmer and Naomi Rakestraw, both of Auburn, and several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Janet Maier, Ruth LaMarr and Hilda Fankhauser.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Dan White officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ.

Eric Schrimsher

HOWE — Eric Wayne Schrimsher, 28, of rural Howe died at 8:03 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, in an automobile accident in Iowa City, Iowa.

He was a lifetime LaGrange County resident, a laborer at Rehau Inc., in Sturgis, Mich., and an avid University of Michigan fan.

On Jan. 8, 1977, he was born in Kendallville to Jerry Sr. and Carolyn (Cook) Schrimsher. His father survives in Salina, Kan., and his mother survives in Howe.

Also surviving are two brothers and a sister-in-law, Michael and Cara Cook of Goshen, and Jerry Schrimsher Jr. of Howe; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Sandy Freed of Wolcottville, Amy and Dannie Conley of Hudson, and Jeannie Schrimsher of Salina, Kan.; paternal grandparents, Sam and Nancy Schrimsher of Alba, Texas; maternal grandparents, William and Helen Cook of Rome City; a nephew, Austin Freed of Wolcottville; and five nieces, Ashley and Kayla Freed of Wolcottville, Courtney McNall of Hudson, and Michelle Cook and Megan Conley, both of Goshen.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ruth Terry** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery. Pallbearers were Charles Duszynski, Darren Duszynski, Adam Tuttle, Steve Stoner, Ed Fisher and Randy Heltzel.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Rolland E. Hippenhammer** were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastor Earl Rose officiating. Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery. Pallbearers were Richard Wilson, David Hippenhammer, Shannon Hippenhammer, Brian Coleman, Bruce Sizemore and Brad Sizemore. Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville was in charge of arrangements.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Harold G. "Jerry" Schuster** were held at 10 a.m. Friday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Dan Lash officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Bradon Bauermeister, Michael Schuster, Robert Schuster, Joe Leaman, Sam Sloan and Wayne Fleck. Russell Frehse was an honorary pallbearer.

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Stephen and Evelyn Summers of LaGrange are seen in this photo provided by their family. The Summers, along with their youngest daughter, Heidi Kilburn of Kendallville, and Heidi's daughter, Morgan Kilburn, died Friday night when Stephen Summers allegedly drove his car through a red light and was struck by a wrecker truck.

'Waiting for them'

Crash victims were on their way home from a family dinner

BY MEGAN HOCKLEY
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KENDALLVILLE — Twenty-four hours earlier, they were enjoying themselves at a family birthday party in Fort Wayne.

But on Saturday night, they were a shattered family meeting at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville to select caskets for four of their nearest and dearest.

Heidi Kilburn

Stephen and Evelyn Summers of LaGrange, their youngest daughter, Heidi Kilburn of Kendallville, and Heidi's daughter, Morgan Kilburn, died Friday night at the Avilla intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 when Stephen Summers allegedly drove his car through a red light and was struck by a wrecker truck. A fifth passenger, the Summers' grandson, Zachary McCue, 13, of Avilla, was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he remains in critical condition.

Morgan Kilburn

Along with other members of their family, the five were returning to Avilla from Lon Sen Chinese Buffet in Fort Wayne.

"We were all coming home from eating at Lon Sen's for my 5-year-old's birthday party," said Terri Clark, the Summers' oldest daughter and the mother of Zachary McCue. Terri Clark traveled back to Avilla in another vehicle. "We took Old (S.R.) 3. We got home and were waiting for them, and they didn't come."

The party was supposed to continue at Clark's house — Clark had made a birthday cake; Evelyn Summers had bought ice cream. When the Summers' car didn't show up, Clark's husband, Chris, went out to look for them and found the crash scene.

Clark, still at home at that time, remembers hearing the Samaritan helicopter fly overhead. She had no idea then that it was coming for her son.

Clark says her son Zachary, a member

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WAITING: *Morgan Kilburn was a fifth-grader at South Side Elementary*

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of the basketball team at Avilla School, sustained a hole in his bladder after the accident, as well as two or three fractures in his pelvis and a broken jaw, clavicle, ribs and right leg.

"He had surgery twice today," Clark said Saturday. "They said there'll be more."

Zachary is being kept heavily sedated and has not been conscious to speak to his family since the accident.

"There's all kinds of people praying for him. Right now, I'm just trying to stay positive about my son," Clark said, crying quietly as she talked about Zachary.

At the funeral home Saturday night, Clark, her husband Chris, her sister April Summers, and a friend took some time to talk about their loved ones who are now gone.

Stephen Summers, 58, had just retired from his job due to disability. He had a neurovascular disease related to muscular dystrophy that runs in the family. His wife, Evelyn, was 55 and an employee at Bostwick Braun Co. in Ashley. At the birthday party, they had been talking about a movie they saw recently and their plans for a trip to Las Vegas this summer.

"They were always just optimistic about life — hardworking and happy," April Summers said.

Heidi Kilburn, 32, was the store manager at Wilby's at the U.S. 6 and S.R. 9 intersection west of Kendallville. With her husband Shawn, she had two daughters, Morgan, 11, and Sara, 5. The family loved doing outdoors activities together, such as hunting, fishing and camping.

"Heidi liked to have fun, and she was loud," Terri Clark said of her sister with a hint of a smile. "(At the party), Heidi was telling everybody about her trip to Hawaii."

Morgan Kilburn was a fifth-grade honor roll student at South Side Elementary School in Kendallville. "Morgan was your typical 11-year-old," Clark said. "She liked to play video game with kids. She liked to hunt an fish, too. She just killed her firs 10-point buck deer this fall."

The family would like t thank Parkview Hospital and th Avilla Police Departmen especially Avilla Town Marsh Glen Wills who came t Parkview Hospital with a polic chaplain to talk to them abo the accident.

When asked if there anything people in th community can do for th family, Terri Clark said, "Ju pray for Zachary."

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Priest's mother took pride in her son

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GARRETT — When orothy Cambray married talian immigrant Anthony ombardi, "They made a andsome couple," according o their son, Father Thomas ombardi.

"It was in the days before ertility clinics," he recalled of is parents' efforts to start a amily. "Mom prayed to St. rances Xavier Cambrini patroness of immigrants) and ot long after she became regnant," giving birth to their nly child. "She always redited St. Frances," he said.

In fact, she carried in her vallet for the rest of her life a mall St. Frances medal. Everywhere we went, she vould say, 'That is my son, ather Tom the priest,'" he aid.

In later years, Mrs. ombardi would learn that she nly had half of one unctioning ovary.

Mrs. Lombardi, 91, died ec. 27, 2004.

The Lombardis lived near edar Canyons, and had a happy and good" home life, ombardi said. When he tarted high school, his stay-at-ome mother went to work at ishop Dwenger High School s an assistant librarian.

"She was not trained as a librarian and had no degree," Lombardi said, but she learned from experience. She went on to work for the Fort Wayne Public Library and was a "traveling librarian," going to a different parochial school each day. Still later, she began the children's library story hour.

After her son's ordination, she went to work for the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese office of religious education media center and library.

When Lombardi became a pastor, his then-widowed mother moved in with him.

"She reveled in being a part of what I was involved with, and she was proud of being my housekeeper," he said. "She was proud to be able to do that, so that I could do the work that I was to be about."

In fact, she did her son's laundry up until she became ill in the weeks before Christmas. A kidney infection that "came on with a vengeance" made her gravely ill.

"When Mom went into the hospital, I decided that I was going to spend the entire time with her," Lombardi said. He recalled that on occasions that he had been hospitalized, "Every time I awoke, Mom was there, and I decided that I was going to do the same for her.

"For all mothers, that is their vocation — to give themselves to their husbands and children," he explained. "The least we can do (for our parents) is to give back, to be there for them."

It was, he said, "The most precious gift I have ever been given."

He brought a small Christmas tree to her hospital room, and on Christmas Eve they sat together in the darkened room, looking at the tree.

"It was so peaceful," he recalled. His mother died in her sleep on the morning of the 27th.

Mrs. Lombardi's funeral was celebrated by Bishop John D'Arcy at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

"He said it would be an honor for him to do it," Lombardi said, and nearly a dozen other priests attended as well.

"It is said that the mother of one priest is the mother of all priests," Lombardi said.

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Mrs. Lombardi helped her son, Father Thomas Lombardi, celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

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Teegardin a woman of faith, compassion

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HAMILTON — Dorothea Teegardin spent her life helping others and practicing her faith.

“Church was a very important part of her life,” said Orpha Cary, who had been Mrs. Teegardin’s friend for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Teegardin died Jan. 2 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, after battling cancer and other illnesses for the past several years. She was 87.

Mrs. Teegardin

The Teegardins and Carys — Dorothea and her husband Orville, who died in 1999, and Orpha and her husband Lyle — met shortly after the Carys were married on New Year’s Eve in 1951.

“We became neighbors then, and very good friends,” Orpha remembered with a smile in her voice. “On our last anniversary, my husband asked me what I wanted to do ... I told him I wanted to go see Dorothea. She was in the hospital and she wasn’t doing very well, but I just wanted to see her.”

Mrs. Teegardin owned Dorothea’s Beauty and Gifts in Hamilton for many years. Orpha said her friend loved to travel, and loved to have visitors. She belonged to various church groups over the years, and was active with the Hamilton United Methodist Women until she died.

“In the last few years when she couldn’t get out much, I’d take my knitting over to her house and just sit and visit with her,” Orpha said. “I told my husband it was like someone had given her a gold medal whenever someone came to her house ..., she was just so tickled to have visitors.”

Those who knew Mrs. Teegardin well know she was an avid bell collector. She belonged to the American Bell Association for a number of years, and her extensive bell collection consisted of more than 2,600 pieces.

Before she became too ill to go out a lot, Orpha said Mrs. Teegardin was in constant motion.

“I said her middle name should have been spelled G-O, because she loved to go,” she said with a chuckle. “She loved her euchre club, and she loved to play bridge. I think she was a part of two bridge clubs.”

Orpha said Mrs. Teegardin loved animals, and that she always had a pet.

“She used to have a little poodle, and when she died, she had a cat she was very fond of,” she said.

Mrs. Teegardin was an active member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church. That church’s pastor, Eric Stoops, said he remembered Mrs. Teegardin as a compassionate nurturer.

“She was a sweet, sweet lady,” he said. “I think one of the neat things about her was that when her husband was alive, the two of them acted as caregivers for some of their extended family. In fact, I remember her telling me that right when she and her husband got home from their honeymoon, his uncle was there and they took care of him.”

Carol Fuller

BUTLER — Carol “Sally” A. Fuller, 67, died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

She owned the Butler Game Room for two years and the Broadway Cafe for nine years.

She was born May 24, 1937, in Bryan, Ohio, to Ross L. and Florence J. (Beard) Hollinger.

She is survived by three sons, J. Dean H. Fuller of Butler and William “Bill” Campbell and Allen W. Campbell, both of Farwell, Mich.; a daughter, Jeanette L. Brown of Butler; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Mark will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

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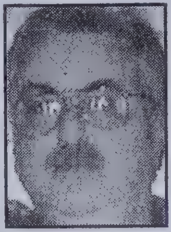
Stephen Summers

LAGRANGE — Stephen M. Summers, 58, of LaGrange died Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, as the result of an auto accident at the intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 in Avilla. His wife Evelyn Summers, his daughter Heidi Kilburn and his granddaughter Morgan Kilburn also died in the crash.



Mr. Summers

Mr. Summers was retired from Phelps Dodge in Fort Wayne, where he had worked for more than 20 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in Germany. He was a member of St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church at Big Long Lake and Avilla American Legion Post 240, as well as a member and past president of Little Turkey Lake Association. He loved to fish.

He was born on March 19, 1946, in Kendallville, to Maynard Stephen and Maxine Druzilla Donaldson Summers. He married Evelyn Sutton on July 19, 1969, in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

He is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Terri and Chris Clark of Avilla and April Summers of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Anthony Summers, Isaiah Smith, Melissa McCue, Zachary McCue, Madison Clark, Mariah Clark and Sara Kilburn; his mother, Maxine Summers of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Ron Zaucha of Avilla; and a brother and sister-in-law, Virgil and Sandra Summers of El Paso, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Maynard Summers, on March 11, 1990.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Father Jacob Gall will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Send condolences or sign the register book at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Evelyn Summers

LAGRANGE — Evelyn Diane Summers, 55, of LaGrange died Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, as the result of an auto accident at the intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 in Avilla. Her husband Stephen Summers, her daughter Heidi Kilburn and her granddaughter Morgan Kilburn also died in the crash.

Mrs. Summers

Mrs. Summers was employed at Bostwick-Braun in Ashley. She was a member of St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church at Big Long Lake and the Ladies Auxiliary of Avilla American Legion Post 240.

She was born on Dec. 15, 1949, in Fort Wayne, to Harley and Eldora (Herbst) Sutton. She married Stephen Summers on July 19, 1969, in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Terri and Chris Clark of Avilla and April Summers of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Anthony Summers, Isaiah Smith, Melissa McCue, Zachary McCue, Madison Clark, Mariah Clark and Sara Kilburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Alta Sutton of Stroh; and a foster brother, Dan Bordner of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harley and Eldora Sutton; foster mother Gladys Walsh and foster fathers, Walter Bordner and Herman Walsh.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Father Jacob Gall will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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Heidi Kilburn

KENDALLVILLE — Heidi Rose Kilburn, 32, of Kendallville died Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, as the result of an auto accident at the intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 in Avilla. Her daughter, Morgan Kilburn, and parents, Stephen and Evelyn Summers, also died in the crash.

Mrs. Kilburn was the store manager of Wilby's at the U.S. 6 and S.R. 9 intersection west of Kendallville for six years.

Mrs. Kilburn

She was born May 30, 1972, in Kendallville to Stephen and Evelyn (Sutton) Summers. She graduated from East Noble High School in 1990. She married Shawn Leon Kilburn on Sept. 4, 1992 in Brandenburg, Ky. He survives.

Also surviving are her 5-year-old daughter, Sara Kilburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, April Summers of Kendallville and Terri and Chris Clark of Avilla; her grandmother, Maxine Summers of Kendallville; her grandfather, Jim Ohlwine of Kendallville; four aunts and uncles, Janet and Ron Zaucha of Avilla and Virgil and Sandra Summers of El Paso, Texas; and six nieces and nephews, Melissa McCue, Zachary McCue, Madison Clark, Mariah Clark, Anthony Summers and Isaiah Smith.

She was preceded in death by her mother-in-law, Judy Kilburn, on Nov. 30, 2002; her father-in-law, Jessie Kilburn, on Feb. 9, 2004; her grandfather, Maynard Summers, on March 11, 1990; and her grandmother, Betty Ohlwine, on May 10, 2001.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Mark McCue will officiate. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a college fund for her daughter Sara Kilburn, with checks payable to Shawn Kilburn.

Send condolences or sign the register book at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Morgan Kilburn

KENDALLVILLE — Morgan Marie Kilburn, 11, of Kendallville died Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, as the result of an auto accident at the intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 in Avilla. Her mother, Heidi Kilburn, and grandparents, Stephen and Evelyn Summers, also died in the crash.

Morgan Kilburn

Miss Kilburn was a fifth-grade honor roll student at South Side Elementary School. Last fall, she took her first 10-point buck, and her photo appeared in The News-Sun with her deer.

She was born Dec. 2, 1993, in Kendallville, to Shawn Leon and Heidi Rose (Summers) Kilburn. Her father survives.

Also surviving are her 5-year-old sister, Sara Kilburn; her great-grandmother, Maxine Summers of Kendallville; her great-grandfather, Jim Ohlwine of Kendallville; 12 aunts and uncles; and many great-aunts and great-uncles.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Judy Kilburn; her grandfather, Jessie Kilburn; her great-grandfather, Mose Guthrie; her great-grandfather, Maynard Summers; and her great-grandmother, Betty Ohlwine.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Mark McCue will officiate. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, next to her mother.

Calling will be 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a college fund for her sister Sara Kilburn, with checks payable to Shawn Kilburn.

Send condolences or sign the register book at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Marilyn Blackburn

GOSHEN — Marilyn J. Blackburn, 71, of Goshen died at 2:20 p.m. Saturday, January 8, 2005, at home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Blackburn

Mrs. Blackburn was a homemaker and had been a baby sitter for many years. She was a member of Gospel Lighthouse and also attended Helmer Independent Baptist Church for the last six months.

She was born Aug. 7, 1933, in LaGrange County to Lester and Blanche (Rink) Miller. She married Ruey "Rudy" Blackburn on April 5, 1997, in Goshen. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Vicki and Jerry Stephens of Redkey and Debra and Ken Thacker and Brenda and Mike Spittler, all of Goshen; three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Laura Anglemyer of Elkhart, the Rev. Larry and Fay Anglemyer Sr. of Wolcottville and Robbie and Angel Anglemyer of Goshen; 16 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Caroline and Bill Runge of Goshen; a brother, Larry Miller of LaGrange; a sister-in-law, Martha Gard of Elkhart; and some nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Miller, a grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen. Pastor Rick Davis of Helmer Independent Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Oakridge Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Heart Association and American Diabetes Association.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with corrections.*

Eric Schrimsher

HOWE — Eric Wayne Schrimsher, 28, of rural Howe died at 8:03 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, in an automobile accident in Iowa City, Iowa.

He was a lifetime LaGrange County resident, a laborer at Rehau Inc., in Sturgis, Mich., and an avid University of Michigan fan.

On Jan. 3, 1977, he was born in Kendallville to Jerry Schrimsher Sr. and Carolyn Cook. His father survives in Salina, Kan., and his mother survives in Howe.

Also surviving are two brothers and a sister-in-law, Michael and Cara Cook of Goshen, and Jerry Schrimsher Jr. of Howe; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Sandy Freed of Wolcottville, Amy and Dannie Conley of Hudson, and Jeannie Schrimsher of Salina, Kan.; paternal grandparents, Sam and Nancy Schrimsher of Alba, Texas; maternal grandparents, William and Helen Cook of Rome City; a nephew, Austin Freed of Wolcottville; and five nieces, Ashley and Kayla Freed of Wolcottville, Courtney McNall and Megan Conley, both of Hudson, and Michelle Cook of Goshen.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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Crash survivor still in critical condition

AVILLA — An Avilla teen who survived a crash that killed four of his family members Friday evening remained in critical condition this morning.

Zachary McCue, 13, was a passenger in a car driven by his grandfather, Stephen Summers of LaGrange, when Summers allegedly turned into the path of a wrecker towing a vehicle at 7 p.m. Saturday at the south intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 in Avilla.

Summers died at the scene, as did his wife, Evelyn Summers; their daughter, Heidi Kilburn; and Kilburn's daughter, Morgan Kilburn.

McCue sustained a hole in his bladder, two or three fractures of his pelvis, a broken jaw, clavicle, and right leg and broken ribs, according to his mother, Terri Clark.

McCue was flown by Samaritan helicopter to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Friday night.

The family had been driving from celebrating a birthday at a restaurant to continue the celebration at Clark's home.

The driver of the wrecker, Clifford Setser Jr. of Fort Wayne, was treated and released at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Hilda Kolb

LAGRANGE — Hilda C. Kolb, 93, of LaGrange died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Kolb had moved to LaGrange in 1963 from Mishawaka. She was a secretary at the Associates of South Bend in South Bend.

She was born May 2, 1911, in LaGrange County to James L. and Hazel (Davis) Brady. On Jan. 27, 1939, in Hicksville, Ohio, she married George F. Kolb. He died July 24, 1970.

Surviving are four nieces, Rebecca Ferguson and Janet Myers, both of Howe, and Sherrill McKinney and Susan Brown, both of Kansas; and a nephew, Thomas L. Weirich of Mishawaka.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Kathryn Weirich; two brothers, James Brady Jr. and Leo "Jerry" Brady; and one nephew, David Brady.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Dwight Kauffman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 3-4 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Patricia Schaeffer

FREMONT — Patricia L. (Yarman) Schaeffer, 77, of Fremont died Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Schaeffer

Mrs. Schaeffer was born Dec. 26, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Leo and Garnet (Gladieux) Weber. She married Wendell Schaeffer on Dec. 31, 1987, at Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park at Lake James. He survives.

She was a secretary at Bennett Learning Center. She was a foster parent and volunteer worker. She enjoyed gardening and spending her winters in Florida.

Also surviving are a son, Gary Yarman of Fremont; three stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Pam and Terry Witham of Hudson, Kathy and Michael Depue of Angola and Marcia and Tom Bevins of Fremont; a brother, C.J. Weber of Florida; seven stepgrandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert Yarman, in 1984; and a sister.

Memorial services will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Lance Witham officiating. Calling will be one hour before services on Tuesday.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

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Warren Billman

LAGRANGE — Warren M. Billman, 84, of LaGrange died at 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange.

Mr. Billman was raised on the family farm southeast of LaGrange and had lived on Grant Street until recently moving to the nursing home.

He graduated from Johnson Township High School in 1938. He attended International Business College in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Billman worked for LaGrange Publishing Co. for more than 17 years. He had also worked in the office of Fan Coach Inc. and later worked for LaGrange Hospital in the accounting department until he retired in 1986.

He was a member of LaGrange Church of God.

He was born April 8, 1920, in LaGrange County to Milton W. and Lura I. (Mills) Billman. On April 17, 1982, he married Nancy Hart. She survives.

Also surviving are several cousins and many friends.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at LaGrange Church of God with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Church of God or to the LaGrange County EMS Service.

Lucille Schenher

FORT WAYNE — Lucille Schenher, 88, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Schenher had worked at Dana in Churubusco.

She was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Her husband, Paul "Pete" Schenher, is deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Bonnie Arney and Kathleen and Dick Neuhaus, both of Fort Wayne; a son, Dave Schenher of Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by six brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Fort Wayne with prayers at 9:30 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Ege Cemetery in Ege.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with a vigil at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or Riley Children's Hospital.

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Former LaGrange sheriff dies

LAGRANGE — Howard Chrisman, who served 18 months as sheriff of LaGrange County in the late 1970s, has died. He was 85.

Chrisman retired from the Indiana State Police, then was encouraged to run for sheriff. He did so, winning in 1978.

According to current LaGrange County Sheriff Greg Dhaene, Chrisman's door was always open. Dhaene used Chrisman as a mentor of sorts after he became a state trooper in 1978.

"He was always very helpful, friendly, just an outstanding man," Dhaene said this morning. "It's a big loss, not only from a professional standpoint, but personally."

Chrisman served as sheriff for 18 months before stepping down. He was replaced through a Democratic caucus by Dale Sturtz.

"He was very straightforward, very upfront," Sturtz said. "Howard was a good man."

Chrisman is survived by three sons.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

Former LaGrange Sheriff Howard Chrisman, 85, dies

LAGRANGE — Former LaGrange County Sheriff Howard T. Chrisman, 85, of LaGrange died at 10:10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Mr. Chrisman was a retired Indiana State Police officer. He had also served as sexton at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

He had lived in LaGrange since moving there in 1956 from Logansport.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Chrisman was a member of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 76 F&AM, LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and LaGrange Moose Lodge No. 1351.

He was born June 22, 1919, in Noble County to Logan and Myrtle (Rink) Chrisman. On April 14, 1939, in New Paris, he married Cleota C. Hite. She died Feb. 26, 1996.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Caroline Chrisman of Shipshewana, Nolan and Butch Chrisman of Wolcottville and Phillip and Judy Chrisman of Nappanee; his companion, Mildred Housman of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

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George Pratt

AVILLA — George B. Pratt, 89, of Avilla died at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

Mr. Pratt

Mr. Pratt was a lifetime Noble County resident. He and his wife had lived at their rural Avilla home for 54 years.

He had retired from Wayne Pump after 35 years of service and enjoyed farming. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Pratt was a member of Ege Immaculate Conception Church and was an active, longtime member of the Civil Conservation Corps.

He was born July 20, 1915, in Green Township, Noble County, to Oliver L. and Victoria (Smith) Pratt. On April 13, 1940, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege, he married Irma Louise Hollis. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Kitty Pratt of Wolcottville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Georgia and Chuck McDonald of Fort Wayne and Diana and Philip Boyer of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, LeRoy Pratt, and two sisters, Mary Wilson and Dorothy Zion.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ege Immaculate Conception Church. Burial will be at Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are Masses to the church.

Robin Goings

FORT WAYNE — Robin D. "Rob" Goings, 56, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, at Hospice Home.

Mr. Goings was self-employed as a hair stylist at Tangles Hair Design in Fort Wayne.

He was an active member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church where he led the praise team for the Saturday night worship service for more than 10 years.

Mr. Goings graduated from Purdue University in 1970 and had spent his formative years in Rome City.

He was born May 9, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Donald L. and Nellie Goings. His father survives in Rome City and his mother is deceased. On Aug. 28, 1971, he married Donna Hawbaker. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Shannon and Scott Tibbs of Bloomington and Sherri Goings of Lansing, Mich.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Gloria and Ralph Zimmer of Bozeman, Mont.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave.

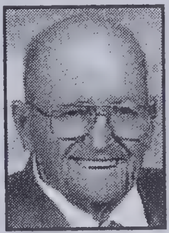
Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to the church, Parkview Regional Oncology Center or Goshen Center for Cancer Care.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wilbur Hancock

ANGOLA — Wilbur G. Hancock, 79, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.


Mr. Hancock

Mr. Hancock was born March 21, 1925, in Defiance, Ohio, to Guy Willis and Sylvia Ann (Ruder) Hancock. He was married to Ireta (Pierce) Diehl Hancock on June 28, 2002. She survives.

He was a World War II Army veteran, and worked as a supervisor at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 44 years. He was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ, the Fremont American Legion and the Angola Moose Lodge.

Also surviving are two sons, Gary Hancock and Thomas Hancock, both of Angola; two stepsons, Gene Diehl of Fremont and John Diehl of Orland; a daughter, Carol Smith of Angola; two stepdaughters, Janice Strange of Belton, S.C., and Marcia Colbart of Angola; a sister, Erma Belman of Hillsdale, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; 18 stepgrandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 22 stepgreat-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Doris Hancock, on April 21, 2001; a daughter, Linda Crawford; and two brothers, Ervin and Ralph Hancock.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola. Calling will be Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery, Bronson, Mich.

Memorials are to Pleasant View Church of Christ.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Larry Leitch

ALBION — Larry Leitch, 59, of Albion died at 6:53 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Leitch had been a machine press operator for Vibracoustics of North America for 14 years. Prior to that he worked for the Noble County Highway Department.

He enjoyed old model cars, horses and rodeos.

He was born Sept. 18, 1945, in Kendallville to Russell and Lena (Herendeen) Leitch. They are deceased.

Surviving are four sisters and a brother-in-law, Lavone Cleland, Marcial and Benny Clouse, Kate Clouse and Dolores Coy, all of Albion; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Carroll and Marty Leitch of Kimmell, Gene and Natalie Leitch of Lafete, Tenn., and Dwight "Whitey" and Carol Leitch of Rome City; a stepsister and her husband, Carol Ann and Pete Wilson of Albion; a stepbrother and his wife, Ray Dean and Connie Budd of Fort Wayne; a special friend, Carol Sparrow of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a stepsister, Edna Budd; and a stepbrother, Jerry Lynn Budd.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Lois Watkins officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heart Foundation.

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John Caldwell

ELKHART — John T. Caldwell, 75, of Elkhart died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, at Woodland Manor at Elkhart.

Mr. Caldwell retired from Starcraft Corp. in Goshen. He had formerly lived in LaGrange and Whitley counties.

He was born Jan. 26, 1929, in New Castle to Simpson and Lily (Ramey) Caldwell. On Jan. 10, 1948, in Flemingsburg, Ky., he married Vivian M. Reed. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Josh Akemon of Lafayette, Carolyn and Jerry Gruver of Pierceton, Mary and Jerry Eash of Wawaka and Lois and Bob Fair of Bristol; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth Caldwell of Fremont and John S. and Sue Caldwell of LaGrange; three brothers, Ed Caldwell of New Castle, Charles Caldwell of LaGrange and Gilbert Caldwell of Garrett; two half sisters and their husbands, Violet and James Reed of London, Ky., and Ruby and Denny Caudill of Sturgis, Mich.; a half brother, Gilbert L. Caldwell of Morehead, Ky.; 18 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother; two sisters; and a half brother.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Emerson Imus

AUBURN — Emerson J. Imus, 80, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Imus was a salesman for Garns Candy Co. in Auburn for 32 years. He then worked for F. McConnell and Sons Co. for nine years, retiring in 1989.

He was born Jan. 19, 1924, in Stroh to Nelson and Louise (Emerson) Imus.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn, the American Legion post in Auburn and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Van Wert, Ohio. He served in World War II in the U.S. Army Air Force.

On Nov. 24, 1979, he married Marilyn Hamman-Grogg in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Scot Imus of Carmel; three stepsons, Gary Grogg of Auburn, Larry Grogg of Hamilton and Steve Grogg of Auburn; two daughters, Donna Imus of Indianapolis and Jerrilyn Imus of Auburn; one stepdaughter, Debra Keller of Auburn; one sister, Mary Welch of Auburn; two grandchildren, 11 stepgrandchildren and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Margaret Mavis, and his parents.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 E. Ninth St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association.

Jane Sunderland

FORT WAYNE — Jane F. Sunderland, 78, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sunderland was a homemaker. She was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church and its Rosary Society, a past president of the National Catholic Society of Foresters, a past president of Daughters of Isabella and a member of St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary.

She was born April 14, 1926, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Judith and Kent Mick of Fort Wayne, Patricia Sunderland of Fort Wayne, Diana and John Frederick of New Haven, Rita and Bill Townsend of Chicago and Ann and Jay Leonard of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Tamara Sunderland of Columbia City, Charles and Teresa Sunderland of Ashley and Timothy and Janet Sunderland of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Bernard and Dorothy Schenkel of Fort Wayne; a sister, Joan Rosswurm of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert G. Sunderland, in 2002; four brothers, Bob, Pete, Carl and Ed; and three sisters, Margaret, Marie and Helen.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, with Father Mark Gurtner officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. A vigil service will begin Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Robert and Jane Sunderland Scholarship Endowment Fund at Bishop Dwenger High School or Queen of Angels Catholic School.

Evelyn George

AUBURN — Evelyn Elizabeth George, 81, a lifelong resident of DeKalb County, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, surrounded by her loved ones.

Miss George

Miss George was a professional woman her entire working life. She first worked with Dr. Fox, DDS, and then with Dr. H.V. "Hippie" Hippensteel Jr., M.D. as his assistant and friend for more than 50 years. Most recently she had worked with Dr. Mark Souder, M.D. She worked up until the last month of her busy life.

Although she never married nor had children of her own, she was a mom and more to three distinct generations. She was a counselor, adviser, confidante and friend to all who knew her.

She was born Aug. 1, 1923, to Walter and Blanche (Grogg) George. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her cousin, Bob George and his wife, Ruth "Madam," and their children, Harold "Tobey" George, Dick George and Sharon George and their families; her cousins and lifelong friends Marge, Maryellen, Bonnie and many others; a niece, Jane Ann and her children, Kyle, Nicholas and Chelsea George; nephew Jim "Jimmy" George; nephew Steven "Stevie G" Roberts and his family, Di (Eakright), Misty Dawn (Roberts), David and Jaydon Mares, Bryan and Courtney Roberts; nephew Mike and his children, Michael II and Nathan, and his grandchildren Michael III, Lexie and Marcus; a niece, Ann (Roberts) Greenfield and her children, Bronwen, Isaac and Caitlin; and her friend, Phyllis Poff, and her children Michelle "Micky" and Randy.

She also was preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Janey George, and their daughter Jean Ellen George; a sister "Aunt Ginnie" (George) Roberts and her son, Mark Roberts; and several uncles, aunts and cousins.

Services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Matthew Murray will officiate.

Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice.

Michael Farmer

ANGOLA — Michael D. Farmer, 54, of Angola died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at home.

Mr. Farmer was born Aug. 4, 1950, in Lexington, Ky., to Denver and Mabel (Newkirk) Farmer.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in the early 1970s. He was formerly employed by International Harvester and Angola Wire.

Surviving are six sisters, Peggy Hoffelder of Waterloo, Frances Francis of Urbana, Claudia Musser of Auburn, Paula Bolding and Robin Gnagy, both of Angola, and Reba Post of Hudson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with the Rev. Ralph O. Diehl of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son's Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to tsunami relief aid.

June Freed

SANDUSKY, Ohio — June A. Freed, 79, of Sandusky and formerly of Kendallville, Ind., died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky.

Mrs. Freed had worked at NoSag and Essex Wire in Kendallville and had retired in 1986 from Liggett & Platt in Mason, Ohio.

She was born Nov. 12, 1925, to Charles and Ruby (Martin) Hart. On Dec. 4, 1944, in Little Rock, Ark., she married James A. Freed. He survives in Sandusky.

Also surviving are two daughters, Carolyn Fox and Vickie Scott, both of Sandusky; three sisters, Madeline Zimmerman of Berne, Ind., Eleanor Schlichtenmyer of Shelbyville, Ind., and Barbara Rowe of Garrett, Ind.; a brother, Charles Roy Hart of Vicksburg, Mich.; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Jack, Carl and Clyde; and a sister, Charlotte.

Graveside services will be at a later date at Fairfield Center Cemetery near Corunna.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Donald Pressler

WATERLOO — Donald D. Pressler, 80, of Waterloo died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pressler worked for the U.S. Post Office as a mail carrier for rural Waterloo.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, he served in Germany and earned a Bronze Star. He was a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6572 in Waterloo and American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

He also was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and the National Rural Letter Carriers Association.

He was born Oct. 7, 1924, in Fairfield Township of DeKalb County to Hershel D. and Jennie (Hathaway) Pressler. They preceded him in death.

He married Elaine Snyder on Nov. 9, 1947, in the Methodist Church at Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Janet Pressler of New Paris, Roderick and June Pressler of Waterloo, Roger and Vickie Pressler of Waterloo and Scott and Janette Pressler of Auburn; a sister, Marjorie Jacobus of Garrett; nine grandchildren, Teresa Carrillo and her husband, Jeff, Jeremy Pressler and his fiance, Jennifer Renner, Jason Pressler and his wife, Kristie, Jenny Buchs and her husband, Chad, Daniel Pressler and his wife, Sondra, Amy Lumpkins and her husband, Joe, Corey Pressler, Susan Parker and her husband, Brett ,and Kristen VanVleet and her husband, Jeremy; and six great-grandchildren, Kendra and Lance Carrillo, Mahayla Parker, Keegan Pressler, Jocelyn Lumpkins and Noah Buchs.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Marlo "Mike" Pressler, and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Paul and Jeannette Snyder.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Jeff Carrillo and the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John's United Church of Christ, Ashley, where Mr. Pressler attended as a child, or to a church of the donor's choice.

Bertha Mae Snyder

STRASBURG, Ohio — Bertha Mae "Billie" Snyder, 87, of Strasburg and formerly of Brewster died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Park Village Health Care Center.

She was an avid reader and a member of several book clubs.

She was born June 24, 1917, in Garrett, Ind., to Richard and Elizabeth (Wenger) Moran.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Alyce Snyder of Strasburg; three grandchildren, Kim Pohovey, Kris Woods and Kelly Paterson; seven great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Robert Snyder Sr.; two sons, Richard S. and Timothy H. Snyder; and many brothers and sisters.

There will be no services or calling. Cremation was arranged by the Toland-Herzig Funeral Homes.

Condolences may be left on the funeral home's web site at www.tolandherzig.com.

Dorothy Junk

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy J. Junk, 90, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Junk was a homemaker and an employee of St. Anne Home.

She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church, R.S.V.P., Rosary Sodality, Columbian Ladies and St. Martins Guild.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Sharon Junk of Wolcottville; four daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Larry Kelly, Janet and Michael Peden and Nancy and Patrick Murphy, all of Fort Wayne, and Eleanor and Richard McBride of The Villages, Fla.; 29 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cletus; a son, Donald; a grandchild; and a sister, Sister Mary Urbine, C.S.C.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Jude Catholic Church, State and Randallia streets. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with a rosary at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials are Masses to the church.

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Willie Campbell

FREMONT — Willie J. Campbell, 93, of Fremont died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Campbell was born May 13, 1911, in DeKalb County, Tenn., to William M. and Helen (Corley) Davis. She was married to Marvin LeRoy Campbell, who preceded her in death in 1950.

She had worked as a baker, and owned a bakery in Detroit.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Doris and Bob Harper of Fremont; a sister, Geraldine Sellars Hendrixson of Tennessee; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Campbell; three brothers, Roy Davis, Brigham Davis and Alma Davis; two sisters, Martha Barry and Maureen Tubbs; and a grandchild.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 2420 N. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Arrangements were handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

83-year-old man dies after fall through ice

WAWASEE — An 83-year-old Syracuse man died Tuesday after falling through 2-inch-thick ice while fishing on the main channel between Lake Wawasee and Syracuse Lake.

Charles Miller died at Kosciusko Community Hospital at about 12:30 p.m. from cardiac seizure due to hypothermia.

Conservation officers were notified at about 11 a.m. by Syracuse police a fisherman had broken through the ice.

Rescue workers found Miller partly submerged in icy water about 30 feet from shore.

People in the area told investigators they heard cries of help but couldn't find the victim.

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Four killed, one critical in Avilla crash

by Mark Hunter

AVILLA – Four people were killed and a fifth seriously injured in an Avilla crash between a car and a tow truck Friday evening.

Disregarding an automatic traffic signal apparently led to the accident, according to the Avilla Police Department. The driver of the car, 58 year old LaGrange resident Stephen Summers, is believed to have turned left at the intersection of SR 3 and Albion Street into the path of a truck that was towing another vehicle. The accident was reported just after 7 p.m.

Summers was killed, as were passengers Evelyn Summers, 55, of LaGrange; Heidi Kilburn, 32, of Kendallville, and Morgan Kilburn, 11, of Kendallville. An unidentified juvenile riding in the same vehicle was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne and listed in very critical condition.

Clifford Setser Sr., of Fort Wayne, was driving the tow truck and was released from Parkview Noble Hospital after treatment of minor injuries.

Witnesses say Summers was northbound on SR 3 when he ran through the red left turn light and turned into the path of the southbound 1991 GMC truck. The impact pushed Summers' car into a ditch, where it rolled over. The truck, which was towing a disabled vehicle, remained upright but also slid into the ditch and was heavily damaged.

Avilla Police and Fire units and Noble County EMS ambulances immediately responded to the scene, and two helicopters were also called, but four of the victims were pronounced dead at the scene.

Assisted by Kendallville fire units, Avilla firefighters extricated the juvenile from the wreckage so he could be flown to the hospital.

The wreck was so serious that SR 3 had to be partially shut down for about four hours. Units of the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, and Kendallville Police Departments came to assist, setting up roadblocks and directing traffic away from the scene.

The Noble County Coroner's Office was also at the scene and is assisting Avilla Police with further investigation of the accident.

Homer Snyder

AUBURN — Homer Snyder, 79, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at Northern Indiana Health Care Systems, Fort Wayne,

Mr Snyder was born Nov. 18, 1925, in Stroh, to Homer and Henrietta (Christlieb) Snyder. He was a World War II veteran, and was retired from Bohn Aluminum Co. in Butler.

He married Rhea Dangler on Aug. 20, 1948. She preceded him in death on Nov. 1, 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Beverly Parsons of Auburn and Cindy Snyder of Hudson; two sons, Larry Snyder of Hudson and Bill Snyder of Garrett; two sisters, Ellen Rowe of Auburn and Luella Boyle of Albion; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held last Wednesday at 2:30 pm in Hamilton Cemetery, Rev. Willard Sanders officiated.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson were in charge of the arrangements.

Irene Neaman

KENDALLVILLE — Irene Neaman, 80, a former resident of Fort Wayne and Churubusco, and more recently of Story Lake near Ashley, died Wednesday, January 5, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville. She had been a resident there for the past five years and had been seriously ill since July.

Mrs. Neaman was born on January 5, 1925, in Churubusco and was married in Coldwater, Michigan to Bernard L. Neaman on September 4, 1943. She was a homemaker for most of her life and also worked as a volunteer at the Gene Stratton Porter Home on Sylvan Lake.

Mr. Neaman died September 16, 1992.

Among the surviving relatives are her daughter, Terry (Jerry) Perkins f Hudson; her son, Lyle Neaman of Fort Wayne; a sister, Vivian (Jack) Wood of Yerington, Nevada; her aunt, Nancy (Chris) Espin of Battle Creek, Michigan; a granddaughter, Marlene (Aaron) Lewis of Ashley; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Dolores Fletcher in 1992.

Private services were held at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Daniel Barker, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, officiating. Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Beulah Chapman

KENDALLVILLE — Beulah Doris Chapman, 91, of Kendallville died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Chapman had been employed for many years at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville.

She was a member of Royal Neighbors and St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She was born Jan. 4, 1914, in Kendallville to Warren and Grace (Svoboda) Sexton Sr. On Aug. 26, 1931, in Noble County she married Bernard Ray Chapman. He died April 24, 1975.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Ross Jett of Wawaka; five grandchildren and their spouses, Roger and Cherry Jett of Ligonier, Kathy Jett of Ithaca, N.Y., Linda Edwards of Albion, Mike and Deb Chapman of Kendallville and Steve and Cathy Chapman of Kendallville; 11 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; a nephew, Randy Sexton of Kendallville; and three nieces, Beth Rohlfing and Carol Blume, both of Kendallville, and Julie Ramage of Texas.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Bernard Warren Chapman on May 3, 2004; two brothers, Warren Sexton Jr. and Lawrence Sexton; and a sister, Helen Chapman.

Services were held Tuesday, January 11, 2005, at Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Parkview Noble Hospital.

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Larry Leitch

ALBION – Larry Leitch, 59, died Monday, January 10, 2005, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

Mr Leitch was born September 18, 1945, to Russell and Lena (Herendeen) Leitch in Kendallville, IN. Both preceded him in death.

Larry was a life time resident of Albion. He worked as a machine press operator for Vibracoustics of North America for 14 years prior to going to work for the Noble County Highway Department.

His hobbies included old model cars, horses and rodeos.

Surviving are his special friend Carol Sparrow of Albion; four sisters, Lavone Cleland, Marcial (Benny) Clouse, Kate Clouse, Dolores Coy all of Albion; three brothers Carroll (Marty) Leitch of Kimmell, IN, Gene (Natalie) Leitch of Lafete, TN, Dwight (Whitey) (Carol) Leitch; one step-sister, Carol Ann (Pete) Wilson of Albion; one step-brother, Ray Dean (Connie) Budd of Ft. Wayne, IN; several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding him in death were, one step-sister, Edna Budd and one step-brother Jerry Lynn Budd.

Visitation is Wednesday, January 12, 2005, from 2 to 8 pm at Brazzell Funeral Chapel in Albion, with services on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 10:00 am in the Brazzell Funeral Chapel in Albion with Rev. Lois Walkins officiating.

Burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Memorials are to American Heart Foundation.

Morgan Kilburn

KENDALLVILLE — Morgan Marie Kilburn, 11, of Kendallville died Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, as the result of an auto accident at the intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 in Avilla. Her mother, Heidi Kilburn, and grandparents, Stephen and Evelyn Summers, also died in the crash.

Miss Kilburn was a fifth-grade honor roll student at South Side Elementary School. Last fall, she took her first 10-point buck, and her photo appeared in The News-Sun with her deer.

She was born Dec. 2, 1993, in Kendallville, to Shawn Leon and Heidi Rose (Summers) Kilburn. Her father survives.

Also surviving are her 5-year-old sister, Sara Kilburn; her great-grandmother, Maxine Summers of Kendallville; her great-grandfather, Jim Ohlwine of Kendallville; 12 aunts and uncles; and many great-aunts and great-uncles.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Judy Kilburn; her grandfather, Jessie Kilburn; her great-grandfather, Mose Guthrie; her great-grandfather, Maynard Summers; and her great-grandmother, Betty Ohlwine.

Services were held Wednesday, January 12, 2005, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Mark McCue officiated. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, next to her mother.

Memorials are to a college fund for her sister Sara Kilburn, with checks payable to Shawn Kilburn.

Evelyn Summers

LAGRANGE — Evelyn Diane Summers, 55, of LaGrange died Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, as the result of an auto accident at the intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 in Avilla. Her husband Stephen Summers, her daughter Heidi Kilburn and her granddaughter Morgan Kilburn also died in the crash.

Mrs. Summers was employed at Bostwick-Braun in Ashley. She was a member of St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church at Big Long Lake and the Ladies Auxiliary of Avilla American Legion Post 240.

She was born on Dec. 15, 1949, in Fort Wayne, to Harley and Eldora (Herbst) Sutton. She married Stephen Summers on July 19, 1969, in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Terri and Chris Clark of Avilla and April Summers of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Anthony Summers, Isaiah Smith, Melissa McCue, Zachary McCue, Madison Clark, Mariah Clark and Sara Kilburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Alta Sutton of Stroh; and a foster brother, Dan Bordner of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harley and Eldora Sutton; foster mother Gladys Walsh and foster fathers, Walter Bordner and Herman Walsh.

Services were held Wednesday, January 12, 2005, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Father Jacob Gall officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Heidi Kilburn

KENDALLVILLE — Heidi Rose Kilburn, 32, of Kendallville died Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, as the result of an auto accident at the intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 in Avilla. Her daughter, Morgan Kilburn, and parents, Stephen and Evelyn Summers, also died in the crash.

Mrs. Kilburn was the store manager of Wilby's at the U.S. 6 and S.R. 9 intersection west of Kendallville for six years.

She was born May 30, 1972, in Kendallville to Stephen and Evelyn (Sutton) Summers. She graduated from East Noble High School in 1990. She married Shawn Leon Kilburn on Sept. 4, 1992 in Brandenburg, Ky. He survives.

Also surviving are her 5-year-old daughter, Sara Kilburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, April Summers of Kendallville and Terri and Chris Clark of Avilla; her grandmother, Maxine Summers of Kendallville; her grandfather, Jim Ohlwine of Kendallville; four aunts and uncles, Janet and Ron Zaucha of Avilla and Virgil and Sandra Summers of El Paso, Texas; and six nieces and nephews, Melissa McCue, Zachary McCue, Madison Clark, Mariah Clark, Anthony Summers and Isaiah Smith.

She was preceded in death by her mother-in-law, Judy Kilburn, on Nov. 30, 2002; her father-in-law, Jessie Kilburn, on Feb. 9, 2004; her grandfather, Maynard Summers, on March 11, 1990; and her grandmother, Betty Ohlwine, on May 10, 2001.

Services were held Wednesday, January 12, 2005, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Mark McCue officiated. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to a college fund for her daughter Sara Kilburn, with checks payable to Shawn Kilburn.

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Stephen Summers

LAGRANGE — Stephen M. Summers, 58, of LaGrange died Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, as the result of an auto accident at the intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 in Avilla. His wife Evelyn Summers, his daughter Heidi Kilburn and his granddaughter Morgan Kilburn also died in the crash.

Mr. Summers was retired from Phelps Dodge in Fort Wayne, where he had worked for more than 20 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in Germany. He was a member of St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church at Big Long Lake and Avilla American Legion Post 240, as well as a member and past president of Little Turkey Lake Association. He loved to fish.

He was born on March 19, 1946, in Kendallville, to Maynard Stephen and Maxine Druzilla Donaldson Summers. He married Evelyn Sutton on July 19, 1969, in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

He is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Terri and Chris Clark of Avilla and April Summers of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Anthony Summers, Isaiah Smith, Melissa McCue, Zachary McCue, Madison Clark, Mariah Clark and Sara Kilburn; his mother, Maxine Summers of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Ron Zaucha of Avilla; and a brother and sister-in-law, Virgil and Sandra Summers of El Paso, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Maynard Summers, on March 11, 1990.

Services were held Wednesday, January 12, 2005, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Father Jacob Gall officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Robin Goings

FORT WAYNE — Robin D. "Rob" Goings, 56, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, at Hospice Home.

Mr. Goings was self-employed as a hair stylist at Tangles Hair Design in Fort Wayne.

He was an active member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church where he led the praise team ship service for more than 10 years.

Mr. Goings graduated from Purdue University in 1970 and had spent his formative years in Rome City.

He was born May 9, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Donald L. and Nellie Goings. His father survives in Rome City and his mother is deceased. On Aug. 28, 1971, he married Donna Hawbaker. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Shannon and Scott Tibbs of Bloomington and Sherri Goings of Lansing, Mich.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Gloria and Ralph Zimmer of Bozeman, Mont.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to the church, Parkview Regional Oncology Center or Goshen Center for Cancer Care.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

George B. Pratt

AVILLA — George Pratt, 89, of Avilla died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

Mr. Pratt had been employed by Wayne Pump and retired after 35 years. He also enjoyed farming.

He was a United States Army veteran, very active and longtime member of the Civil Conservation Corp., and a member of Ege Immaculate Conception Church.

He was born July 20, 1915, in Green Township, Noble County to Oliver L. and Victoria (Smith) Pratt. On April 13, 1940, at the Ege Immaculate Conception Church in Ege he married Irma Louise Hollis. They lived at their rural Avilla home for 45 years. She survives.

Surviving are a son, Howard (Kitty) Pratt of Wolcottville; two daughters, Georgia (Chuck) McDonald of Ft. Wayne, and Diana (Philip) Boyer of Kendallville; eight grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were a brother, LeRoy Pratt; two sisters, Mary Wilson and Dorothy Zion.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 13, 2005 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM at the Brazzell and Son Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Rosary to be recited on Thursday at 7 PM. Services will be Friday, January 14, 2005, at Ege Immaculate Conception Church. Burial in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to masses.

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MATT GETTS

Kendallville and Avilla firefighters responded to the scene of a fatal car accident late Wednesday morning at the intersection of S.R. 3 and C.R. 1000E near Avilla. A 54-year-old woman was killed when her car was broadsided as she traveled on C.R. 1000E and crossed through the intersection. The heavy fog which plagued the area for several hours Wednesday morning and afternoon played a role in the accident, according to police.

Woman dies in Noble County crash

BY MATT GETTS

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AVILLA — A Kendallville woman was killed late Wednesday morning when the car she was driving was broadsided by another vehicle in heavy fog at the intersection of S.R. 3 and C.R. 1000E.

Carol Carter, 54, was pronounced dead at the scene by Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff.

Indiana State Police Trooper Marc Leatherman said Carter was traveling southbound on C.R. 1000E at S.R. 3 north of Avilla when her Ford Taurus was struck broadside by a Chevy Tahoe on S.R. 3 being driven by Brandi Lieberenz, 20, of Wolcottville. The call to emergency responders came in at 10:56 a.m.

Leatherman said according to witness statements, Carter had the green light and Lieberenz was unable to stop because she didn't see the stoplight in time due to the heavy fog.

"She couldn't get slowed down for the red light," Leatherman said.

The heavy fog that blanketed the area late Wednesday morning was a factor, according to Leatherman.

The family of

Finley J. Custer

wishes to thank family, friends and neighbors for their prayers, cards, kind thoughts, food and memorials. A special thank you to Thomas Novy, the nurses, aides and staff of Sacred Heart Home and Thomas Funeral Home.

Betty M. Custer
Sandy & Dick Bond
Ty & Robin Maggert & Macy
Tara Maggert
Jed Gnagy
Jodi Bond

Carol Carter

KENDALLVILLE — Carol J. Carter, 54, of Kendallville died at 10:56 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, from injuries in a traffic accident at the intersection of S.R. 3 and C.R. 1000E near Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

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Avilla teen still critical after wreck

BY BOB BRALEY
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AVILLA — An Avilla 13-year-old remained in critical condition this morning at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne as he recovers from a Friday evening crash that killed four family members.

Although Zachary McCue is still critical, he is improving, according to his mother, Terri Clark of Avilla.

"We're headed in the right direction, but it's just a very slow process," Clark said.

McCue

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>
> **Terri Clark**
> Mother of crash victim Zachary McCue

McCue suffered a hole in his bladder, two or three fractures of his pelvis, a broken jaw, clavicle, and right leg and broken ribs in the accident. He was lown to the hospital by Samaritan helicopter from the crash scene at the outh intersection of S.R. 8 and S.R. 3.

McCue was going in for surgery today o install a trachea tube and a feeding ube, according to Clark. He will need hem because the surgery to repair his jaw ill require that it be wired shut for five o six weeks, and trauma patients have pecial health needs in that situation, she aid.

Once the surgery for McCue's jaw is omplete, he will be facing no more rgery, his mother said.

McCue's grandfather, Stephen ummers of LaGrange, allegedly turned into the path of a wrecker towing a vehicle at 7 p.m. Friday at the south intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 in Avilla.

Summers died at the scene, as did his wife, Evelyn Summers; their daughter, Heidi Kilburn; and Kilburn's daughter, Morgan Kilburn.

The family had been returning from celebrating a birthday at a restaurant in Fort Wayne to continue the celebration at Clark's home.

The driver of the wrecker, Clifford Setser Jr. of Fort Wayne, was treated and released at Parkview Noble Hospital.

A family member is planning to videotape decorations in support of Zachary on lockers at Avilla School, where McCue is a student, and a tribute to him planned before tonight's basketball game there so he can see them, Clark said. McCue is a member of the basketball team.

Clark thanked all those who have been praying for her and her family, adding, "Keep them coming."

Lois Johnston

HAMILTON — Lois Johnston, 86, of Hamilton died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home at Butler.

Mrs. Johnston was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 9, 1918, in Metz to Carlton and Jennette (Parker) Aldrich.

She married Robert J. Johnston in Churubusco in 1938. He died March 29, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Louann J. and Gerry Weber of Edgerton, Ohio, and Christa and Kevin Bushman of Battle Creek, Mich.; three brothers, Wayne Aldrich of Angola and Bruce Aldrich and Lynn Aldrich, both of Hamilton; four grandchildren, Dean A. Weber, Mathew R. Weber, Michele R. Psurny and Erin E. Bushman; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers and seven sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

JANUARY 13 2005 **Ligonier, Indiana**

Virginia Poppy

Virginia C. Poppy, 87, of Elkhart and formerly of Ligonier and Chicago, died at 9 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2005, in Elkhart General Hospital.

She had retired from Essex Wire in 1950 and spent her winters in Florida.

Mrs. Poppy was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church of Elkhart and the women's group at the church.

She enjoyed bowling, reading, crosswords, card and board games, movies, plays, eating out and watching Notre Dame basketball games.

She was born Sept. 12, 1917, in Kendallville to George W. and Mable E. (Seitz) Honert. She married Don Poppy on Oct. 30, 1937, in Wawaka. He preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1986.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Bob Humphrey of Elkhart and Christine and Bill Bunta of Elk Grove Village, Ill.; a son, David Poppy of Indianapolis; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Kathryn Michael and a grandson, Jeremy Fernbaugh.

Services were Monday at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier with the Rev. Karen Koelsch officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery of Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

Larry Leitch

Larry Leitch, 59, of Albion died at 6:53 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Leitch had been a machine press operator for Vibracoustics of North America for 14 years. Prior to that he worked for the Noble County Highway Department.

He enjoyed old model cars, horses and rodeos.

He was born Sept. 18, 1945, in Kendallville to Russell and Lena (Herendeen) Leitch. They are deceased.

Surviving are four sisters and a brother-in-law, Lavone Cleland, Marcial and Benny Clouse, Kate Clouse and Dolores Coy, all of Albion; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Carroll and Marty Leitch of Kimmell, Gene and Natalie Leitch of Lafete, Tenn., and Dwight "Whitey" and Carol Leitch of Rome City; a stepsister and her husband, Carol Ann and Pete Wilson of Albion; a stepbrother and his wife, Ray Dean and Connie Budd of Fort Wayne; a special friend, Carol Sparrow of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a stepsister, Edna Budd; and a stepbrother, Jerry Lynn Budd.

Services were Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Lois Watkins officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to the Heart Foundation.

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LaVoid Lehman

TOPEKA — LaVoid H. Lehman, 89, of Topeka died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, at Greencroft Health Center.

Mr. Lehman had been a farmer and had worked at Sprunger Brothers in Topeka and at Starcraft for 12 years in the tool set up shop. In addition, he had been a school bus driver for the 17 years with the Westview School Corp.

During World War II he drove an ambulance for the Army Medical Corps.

He was a member of the Topeka Mennonite Church. He enjoyed playing pinochle and socializing with friends. He had volunteered with the Mennonite Disaster Service.

Mr. Lehman was born May 5, 1915, in LaGrange County to Harry and Mae (Bobeck) Lehman. On June 2, 1950, in Mentone he married Betty Rice. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Greg and Connie Lehman of Topeka and Dexter and Sheryl Lehman of Buffalo, Minn.; a stepson and his wife, Gary and Sandra Wiley of Columbia City; a stepdaughter and her husband, Marlene and Roger Gohl of Los Angeles, Calif.; two half brothers and their wives, Jake and Marilyn Gloor of Ligonier and Bill and Geraldine Gloor of Topeka; a stepsister, Margarite Spencer of Michigan; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a half brother, Jim Gloor; a sister, Beulah DeWitt; and two stepsisters, Betty Gloor Hirschy and Joanne Gloor Wilson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Topeka Mennonite Church with the Rev. John Hockman officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Care at Home/Hospice Program in care of Goshen General Hospital or to Topeka Mennonite Church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

IaLeen Hall

LAGRANGE — IaLeen Hall, 93, of LaGrange died at 1:39 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hall had retired in 1976 from the Notre Dame Memorial Library in South Bend and moved back to Howe in 1977.

She graduated from Lima High School and had attended South Bend Business College for two years.

Mrs. Hall was born May 3, 1911, in LaGrange County to Clifford and Stella (Hart) Taylor. On Sept. 30, 1935, in South Bend she married Hollister John Hall. He died on their 30th anniversary in 1965.

Surviving are three nieces, Jeanne Rosie of Shipshewana, Shirley Strawser of Sturgis, Mich., and Janice Brown of St. Charles, Mo.; four great-nephews; and two great-nieces.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe with the Rev. Dan Engber officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be two hours prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Jeff Lantz

VAN WERT, Ohio — Jeff S. Lantz, 41, of Van Wert, Ohio, died Thursday morning, Jan. 13, 2005, at his residence.

Mr. Lantz

Mr. Lantz worked as a special projects manager and computer specialist for Interstate Cold Storage in New Haven. He was an alumnus of Ball State University at Muncie.

He was born Dec. 26, 1963, in Syracuse, N.Y., to John and Jackie (Jessup) Lantz. They survive in Auburn.

He married Robin Grieshop on June 28, 2000, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nichole and Bill McCoy of Convoy, Ohio; a son, Nicholas Shaw of Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Todd and Pam Lantz of Leo and Greg Lantz of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Allison and Avery McCoy.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Andrea Lantz, who died as an infant.

Services will be Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, 722 S. Washington St., Van Wert, with the Rev. Timothy Burden officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery of Van Wert.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Van Wert Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice Program.

R. Carl Bryant

BUTLER — R. Carl Bryant, 92, of Butler died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information about surviving relatives.*

Emerson Imus

AUBURN — Emerson J. Imus, 80, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Imus was a salesman for Garns Candy Co. in Auburn for 32 years. He then worked for F. McConnell and Sons Co. for nine years, retiring in 1989.

He was born Jan. 19, 1924, in Stroh to Nelson and Louise (Emerson) Imus.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn, the American Legion post in Auburn and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Van Wert, Ohio. He served in World War II in the U.S. Army Air Force.

On Nov. 24, 1979, he married Marilyn Hamman-Grogg in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Scot and Cathy Imus of Carmel; three stepsons and their wives, Gary and Pam Grogg of Auburn, Larry and Peggy Grogg of Hamilton and Steve and Chris Grogg of Auburn; two daughters, Donna Imus of Indianapolis and Jerrilyn Imus of Auburn; one stepdaughter and her husband, Debra and Dan Keller of Auburn; one sister, Mary Welch of Auburn; two grandchildren, 11 stepgrandchildren and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Margaret Mavis, and his parents.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 E. Ninth St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association.

H. Ruth Reamer

Miss Reamer

SOUTH MILFORD — Helen Ruth Reamer, 92, of South Milford died at 10:50 p.m. Wednesday at Golden Years Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Miss Reamer had retired in 1976 from Wayne Center School in Kendallville after serving 41 years as a teacher. She had also taught at LaGrange and Milford Elementary.

She was a 1931 graduate of Kendallville High School. She earned a bachelor's degree from Manchester College and a master of science degree in education in 1967 from St. Francis College.

Miss Reamer was a member of the Church of Christ, the National Teachers Association, Indiana Retired Teachers Association, Noble County Retired Teachers Association and the Kendallville Business and Professional Women's Association.

She was born Dec. 3, 1912, in Stroh to Harley D. and Clara J. (Krebs) Reamer.

There are no survivors.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with Chaplain Doug Holley of Golden Years Nursing Home and Mike Booher of South Milford Church of Christ. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Church of Christ.

Carol Francen-Carter

Ms. Francen-Carter

KENDALLVILLE — Carol J. Francen-Carter, 55, of Kendallville died at 10:56 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, from injuries she sustained in a traffic accident at the intersection of C.R. 1000E and S.R. 3 north of Avilla.

She had been a longtime Noble County resident and had worked for Colwell General in Kendallville for several years.

She was a member of Kingdom Hall in Kendallville. She enjoyed reading, writing, crafts, ceramics and spending time with her grandchildren.

A native of Terre Haute, she was born Aug. 22, 1949, to Lee and Betty (Scott) Cox. They survive in Fort Wayne. Her former husband, Terrance "Terry" Francen, died Dec. 25, 1978, from injuries he sustained in a traffic accident.

Also surviving are a special friend, Gordon Carter of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Timothy and Laura Francen of Columbia City and Todd Francen of Avilla; a daughter, Holly Carter of Olympia, Wash.; two brothers, Robert Cox and his companion, Jaime Martinez, of Chicago, Ill., and Steve Cox of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren, Jacob, Shawna, Cassandra, Matthew and Sebastion Francen.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road, Albion. Private family burial services will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the American Heart Association.

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Chester Moore

WOLCOTTVILLE — Chester Moore, 70, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, at Marion General Hospital in Marion.

Mr. Moore

Before retiring in 1980, Mr. Moore was employed for more than 20 years with Curto Foundry in Ligonier. He was a member of Freewill Baptist Church in LaGrange. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army as private first class, serving from October 1953 to October 1956.

He was born Jan. 29, 1934, in Knott County, Ky., to Jasper and Fairlena (Napier) Moore.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Chester Wayne "Scooter" and Diana Moore of Marion, Farris Ray and Rebecca Moore of Florida and Billy Joe Moore of Ligonier; a daughter, Sharon Kay Bennett of Ligonier; the mother of his children, Luvica Moore of Ligonier; six grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; three great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Nellie Sturdivant and Lucinda and the Rev. Lee Combs, all of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Dalton Ray and Jeanette Moore of Rome City; and two half sisters and a brother-in-law, Yvonne and Sam Collins of Garrett, Ky., and Irene Helton of Winchester, Ky.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Farris Moore; four sisters, Iolet Lovely, Violet Sturdivant, Elsie Gibson and Lilly Itchner; and a half sister, Christine Jones.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Free Will Baptist Church in LaGrange. The Rev. Wade Sturdivant will officiate. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be anytime after 1 p.m. today at the church.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Rudell Fugate

GARRETT — Rudell "Rudy" Fugate, 64, of Garrett, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, at his home.

Born in Kentucky, Mr. Fugate worked in maintenance at Indian Springs Campground. He attended Freedom to Worship in Altona.

Surviving are four sons, Scott W. Fugate of Hudson, Dallas Fugate of Garrett and Marvin Fugate and Steve Wier, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Tammy Fugate of Garrett; 10 grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Rose Fugate; and six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Beatrice and Chris McPhearson of Auburn, Viola and David Clair of Ohio, Joyce and Ed Cook of Auburn, Anita and Lester Rhodes of Garrett, Helen Bailey of Butler and Mary and Rick Maggert of Butler.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Elizabeth Bigelow

GARRETT — Elizabeth "Betty" M. Bigelow, 95, of Garrett, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Bigelow

Mrs. Bigelow had lived in Garrett since 1937. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Garrett United Methodist Church.

She married Edward E. Bigelow on Feb. 16, 1935, in Reading, Pa. He died Dec. 11, 1985.

Surviving are two sons, James Bigelow of Garrett and John Bigelow of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen and Estel Cottrell of Antwerp, Ohio, and Bette Duke of Claremore, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Riegel, her mother, Eva Kline, three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church. An Order of the Eastern Star service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Miller's Merry Manor Activity Fund and the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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R. Carl Bryant

BUTLER — R. Carl Bryant, 92, of Butler, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, at 8:50 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Bryant worked at Aro Corp. and was the owner of Bryant Cycle Service.

He was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, Butler Lions and the Butler Park Board and formerly was active in the Boy Scouts of America.

He was born May 30, 1912, in Butler to Jacob and Anna (Skelton) Bryant.

He married Elizabeth Bumgardner on Sept. 25, 1943, in Butler. She died Nov. 4, 1988.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Carl L. and Jimmie Bryant of Roanoke, Va., and Thomas E. and Chris Bryant of Edgerton, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Jeff Bryant of Phoenix, Ariz., and Blaine Bryant of Edgerton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Delbert Bryant, and a sister, Mae Mutzfeld.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Butler United Methodist Church with Pastor Daniel Eckart officiating. Burial will be in the Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Memorials are to the Butler Parks Department.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Stephen and Evelyn Summers** were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with military graveside honors by the Avilla American Legion Post. Pallbearers for Stephen Summers were Sam Weimer, Lee Story, Rex Miller, Yogi Weimer, Oscar Weimer and Duane Leonard. Pallbearers for Evelyn Summers were Jack Lane, Jeff Brennan, Ralph Zieball, Max Albaugh, Dave Grubb and Dave Hurley. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Heidi and Morgan Kilburn** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Mark McCue officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers for Heidi Kilburn were Seth Kilburn, Sean Kilburn, Mike Dickey, John Rupnow, Mike Lambert and Greg Guthrie Jr. Pallbearers for Morgan Kilburn were Larry McGahen, Dave Dickey, Greg Guthrie Sr., Josh Dickey, Ed Guthrie, Craig Myers and Alex Guthrie.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Beulah Chapman** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Roger Jett, Matt Jett, Mike Chapman, Steve Chapman, Jordan Edwards and Jared Norris.

Gordon Bowen

FREMONT — Gordon S. "Pops" Bowen, 74, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, in Fremont.

Mr. Bowen was a retired employee of General Motors in Flint, Mich. He was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, National Guard and Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 257.

He was born Dec. 11, 1930, in Flint to Emery and Alice Bowen. He married Nancy E. Kolloff on March 14, 1959. She preceded him in death on Dec. 15, 2002.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, John G. Bowen of Fremont and Stanley and Deanna Bowen of Davenport, Fla.; a daughter, Ginger A. Fifield of Ashley; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brown Funeral Home in Flint. Burial will be in Flint Memorial Park.

Calling will be 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Brown Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Fremont American Legion.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Dean Powers** were held at 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery with military graveside rites by Kendallville VFW Post 2749. Pallbearers were Blake Rodenbeck, Marc Schlichtenmyer, Ryan Schlichtenmyer, Johnny Rouch, Kevin Rouch and Paul Rouch.

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Man spent his last years as a newlywed

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ANDY BARRAND

Wilbur and Ireta Hancock are shown in this file photo from the summer of 2002 when the couple was married.

ANGOLA — In the summer of 2002, 77-year-old Wilbur Hancock was all smiles as he sat next to his new bride, Ireta. The couple was holding hands, and they were always touching one another and calling each other pet names.

They got married June 28, 2002, at Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola. Neighbors and friends first, the widow and widower eventually fell in love and decided to marry. Both were 77.

They had two-and-a-half happy years together before Wilbur passed away on Sunday, Jan. 9.

The marriage was a spur-of-the-moment decision. Wilbur and Ireta did it in secret, then came home and told their families. The wedding was performed by Pastor Tim Seevers, and the church's assistant minister acted as a witness.

While both Ireta's and Wilbur's families knew the two were dating and would likely marry at some point, they were aken by surprise when it actually happened.

"We just ran off," Wilbur aid with a twinkle in his mischievous eyes. "Our kids ll wanted a big wedding and a party. We didn't ... we'd lready done that. We didn't need it. I don't think your vows mean any more just because you had some big wedding."

Ireta and Wilbur spent much of their married life with their extended family — which included seven children, and dozens of grand, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren.

The couple became neighbors in the summer of 2000. Wilbur had lived at his house at 509 E. Gilmore St. for 12 years, and Ireta moved into her home across the street at 504 E. Gilmore in 2000. Wilbur said it wasn't love at first sight.

"When I first met her, I thought there was no fire," he said. "But it wasn't long before I realized there was." Ireta and Wilbur were friends for about 10 months before they officially started dating.

An active man even into his golden years, Wilbur was a World War II Army veteran, and worked as a supervisor at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 44 years. He was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ, the Fremont American Legion and the Angola Moose Lodge.

During their time together, the Hancocks discovered they liked a lot of the same foods, TV shows and other things, like gardening. They became great friends, Ireta said.

Wilbur described his life with Ireta as "a joy."

"A lot of our real enjoyment is in just sitting and talking to each other," Wilbur said in 2002.

Wilbur was a self-described "neat freak" who always kept his house in order.

Ireta survives.

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Otta Berkes

WOLCOTTVILLE — Otta L. Berkes, 95, of Wolcottville died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at home.

Mrs. Berkes

Mrs. Berkes was born Aug. 3, 1909, in Fairfield Township to John and Rose (Gehring) Koon. She married Thaddus Berkes on April 13, 1941, in Kendallville, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 7, 1998.

After graduating from Kendallville High School in 1929, she was employed at Flint & Walling Manufacturing Co. in Kendallville, where she worked in the office. She was an active member of the Sigma Beta Sorority and was a past president of the Iota Tau Chapter in 1940. Upon her marriage, she moved to Detroit where her husband was employed by General Electric.

There, Mrs. Berkes worked in the cosmetics department of the J.L. Hudson department store for many years. She left that position to become a representative with My Book House out of Chicago, and was employed with that company for 25 years.

When her husband retired in 1972, the Berkes moved to Clearwater, Fla., where they lived until 1997 when they moved back to Kendallville. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Berkes moved to Wolcottville.

Surviving is a brother, Harvey J. Koon of Oklahoma City, Okla.

She was also preceded in death by four sisters, Rilla Barnett, Irene Swihart, Retha Koon and Cora Klinkenberg; and two brothers, Archie Koon and Cecil Koon.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being handled by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

To send condolences, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Robert Snyder

AUBURN — Robert H. Snyder, 67, of Auburn died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005 at home after an extended illness.

Mr. Snyder was born May 26, 1937, in Muncie to Wayne and Norma Grim. He was employed by the Fort Wayne Post Office as a mail handler, and retired in 2000 after more than 20 years of service. He was a 1956 graduate of Bryan High School in Bryan, Ohio.

Surviving are his mother, Norma Grim of Edgerton, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Nikki and Tom Gearhart of Bryan; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Jeanne Snyder of Plainfield, Ill., and Joe and Claudia Snyder of Concord, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Keith Winebar of Edgerton, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

Private services are planned. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements were handled by Krill Funeral Service in Edgerton.

Condolences can be sent at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Robert Strawser

LIGONIER — Robert Wade Strawser, 79, of Ligonier died at 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at the home of his son.

He had retired in 1980 after 32 years of service with International Harvester in Fort Wayne as a diesel repairman.

Mr. Strawser had lived most of his life in Steuben and Noble counties. Following his etirement, he and his wife moved to Florida. They eturned to Indiana to live with heir son in March 2004.

He was a member of Rome City American Legion Post 381, lifetime member of the VFW, longtime member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the Moose Lodge.

Mr. Strawser served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from July 1942 to October 1945. He was honorably discharged as a seaman first class. He took part in 16 major naval engagements and earned 12 battle stars. He was a part of the USS Alabama crew and helped build the ship.

He was born May 27, 1925, in Helmer to Loyal A. and Frances G. (Pierson) Strawser. On Sept. 6, 1947, in Ashley, he married Mary M. Wolovlek. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Arthur F. Strawser of Ligonier; a stepdaughter, Carol Mings; a stepson, Wayne Bigelow; two sisters, Ann Ralph of Moline, Ill., and Mary Butterworth of Wolcottville; four stepgrandchildren, Rosalyn Mings, Jerry Mings and Ray Mings and Rodney Bigelow; and three great-grandchildren, Amanda Strawser of Kendallville, Alison Strawser of Vincennes and Tammy Tell of Coldwater, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Robert Wade Strawser Jr.; a grandson, Thomas A. Strawser; a sister, Nelda Woodward; and a brother, Paul P. Strawser who died in 1950 while being held as a prisoner of war in Korea.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Burial will private. Military rites will be conducted by members of Rome City American Legion Post 381 on the lawn of the funeral home.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Gerald Sellers

FREMONT — Gerald D. Sellers, 78, of Fremont died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at Celebration Hospital in Celebration, Fla.

Mr. Sellers was born in Pierceton on Sept. 12, 1926.

Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Ligonier Telephone Co. owner Dr. Robert Schloss dies at 75

FORT WAYNE — Dr. Robert P. Schloss, 75, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at his home. He had owned the Ligonier Telephone Co. for the past 25 years.

Dr. Schloss had a family medical practice at Anthony Medical Center in Fort Wayne from 1959 until his retirement due to illness in May 2004.

He was born July 27, 1929, in South Bend. He was a 1947 graduate of Ligonier High School and a 1956 graduate of Indiana University Medical School in Indianapolis. He interned at Hurley Hospital in Flint, Mich., and then entered the U.S. Air Force as a medical officer and was stationed at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia.

Dr. Schloss served on the staff of Lutheran, St. Joseph and Parkview hospitals.

He was a member of the Fort Wayne Medical Society, American Academy of Family Practice, American Medical Association, and the First Presbyterian Church.

Following the death of his father in 1980, he became president of Ligonier Telephone Co. In his capacity of president, he served on the board of directors of the Indiana Exchange Carriers Association and on numerous committees of the Indiana Telephone Association. He was also a member of the Indiana Fiber Network and the Indiana Video Network.

Surviving are his wife, Meshell Schloss of Fort Wayne; three sons, Daniel Schloss, a student at DePauw University, Phillip Schloss of Hillsboro, N.C., and Robert Schloss II of Columbus, Ind.; three daughters, Elizabeth Schloss, a student at Canterbury School, Krista Schloss of Fort Wayne and Susan Koenemann of Fort Wayne; and 14 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Steven.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Oak Park Cemetery with military rites by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or the Allen County SPCA.

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Norman Kramer

MIDDLEBURY — Norman Dean Kramer, 69, of Middlebury died at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at Goshen General Hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Kramer

Mr. Kramer and his wife of 32 years, Carol, served as special assignment missionaries in the Cayman Islands for 20 years and had moved back to Middlebury in June 2002.

He had taught fifth and sixth grades in the Cayman Islands and was the former owner of Dutch Maid Bakery in Goshen. Following his return from the Cayman Islands, he began working again at Dutch Maid Bakery.

Mr. Kramer was a member of River Of Life Fellowship and a former member of the First Church of God in Goshen, Gideon's International and Michiana Voices.

He enjoyed doing carpentry work, golfing and was an expert baker.

Mr. Kramer was born July 27, 1935, in Goshen to Matthew and Julia (Stump) Kramer. On Nov. 22, 1972, in Goshen, he married Carol Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Carmen and David Whitman of Elkhart, Stacey and Phil Myers of Goshen, Sarah Kramer of the Caymen Islands currently attending college in the U.S., and Elizabeth and Troy Thomas of the Cayman Islands; a son, David Kramer of Elkhart; a sister and brother-in-law, Maxine and Wayne Bontrager of Arcadia, Fla.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Esther Kramer of Syracuse and Pine Island, Fla., and Jim and Brenda Kramer of Goshen; a sister-in-law, Connie Kramer of Goshen; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Don Kramer and Stan Kramer; and a grandson, Lashawn Thomas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at River Of Life Fellowship, S.R. 120 and S.R. 13, Middlebury, with the Rev. Gordon Henke officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Gideon's International or a trust at First State Bank to assist with his daughter's college expenses.

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Gerald Sellers

FREMONT — Gerald D. Sellers, 78, of Fremont died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at Celebration Hospital in Celebration, Fla.

Mr. Sellers

Mr. Sellers was born Sept. 12, 1926, in Pierceton, to Virgil Verland and Velma Marie (Grimes) Sellers. He married Beverly Burlingame on June 6, 1972, in Battle Creek, Mich. She survives.

He was retired from General Foods in Kankakee, Ill., where he worked as an operations manager. He was president of the Jamestown Cemetery Association in Jamestown Township.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, and served in World War II. He was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola and the Angola Health Club. He was a 1945 graduate of Lakeview High School in Battle Creek.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathi and Douglas Moore of Mendon, Mich., and Karen and Tony Giannelli of Diamondale, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Matthew and Teresa Sellers of South Jordan, Utah and David and Esther Robinson of Singer, Wis.; three brothers, Dale Cummins of Battle Creek and Jack and Harold Sellers, both of Pierceton; a sister, Christine Anderson of Kansas City, Mo.; an uncle, Leonard Sellers of Pierceton; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Devon Sellers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Eric Piersimoni officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery.

Memorials are to Jamestown Cemetery or the Fairview Missionary Church Building Fund.

Lorena Minnick

FORT WAYNE — Lorena Minnick, 93, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Minnick was born in Allen County on Aug. 7, 1911, to Henry and Emma (Korte) Berning. She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Lynette Armstrong; a cousin, Jack Burkholder of Fremont; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, David L. Minnick, in 1972; a sister and three brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, St. Mary's Soup Kitchen or Lutheran Hour and Braille Workers.

Juanita Holmen

LIGONIER — Juanita Holmen, 62, of Ligonier died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Holmen had moved to Ligonier in 1984 from Michigan City.

Mrs. Holmen

She had been a cashier form 18 years at Dollar General in Ligonier. She enjoyed attending the Shipshewana Flea Market.

Mrs. Holmen loved animals, especially her dogs.

She was born Aug. 18, 1942, in Bell County, Ky., to Floyd and Myrtle (Saylor) Bailey. They are deceased. On June 14, 1980, in Michigan City, she married Harvey Holmen. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Donna Thompson of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Tonya and Nathan Ruisard of Ligonier and Tina and Billy Thompson-Ams of Michigan City; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, John and Barbara Bailey of Portage, Robert and Beverly Bailey of Lugoff, S.C., Otis and Lena Bailey of Michigan City and Lloyd Bailey of Tupelo, Ark.; a sister and brother-in-law, Lula and Robert LeMar of Adams, Wis.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Charlie Mosley officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens in Michigan City.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

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Cecil Bair

CROMWELL — Cecil "Zeke" Bair, 87, of Cromwell died at 6:45 a.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at Avalon Health Care in Ligonier from the effects of Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Bair had retired from Indiana Insulated Wire. He had also worked at the Farm Bureau Co-op for 25 years and at Frick Services.

He was a member of Ormas Baptist Church and on the board of directors of Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries of Warsaw. Children attending area fairs knew Mr. Bair as the white-haired man at the red caboose. He had shown Christian films to thousands of people.

Mr. Bair enjoyed bowling and fishing.

He was born July 16, 1917, in Hanna, Ind., to George Alvin and Florence E. (Burns) Bair. On Sept. 12, 1941, in Warsaw, he married Carolyn Light Jerles. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Larry Wilkinson of Kimmell; a brother, Gene Bair of Warsaw; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a 3-month-old son, David; a daughter, Rosemary Zumbrun, who was killed in a traffic accident in 1978; and three brothers, Clifton, Neil and Kenneth.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home with the Rev. Michael Allen officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church, Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries of Warsaw or the Shriners Children's Hospital in Chicago.

Golda Beard

LAGRANGE — Golda L. Beard, 88, of LaGrange died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Beard had moved to LaGrange in 1996 from Sardinia, Ohio. She retired as a clerk from Kmart Corp. She was a member of LaGrange Missionary Church.

She was born Nov. 7, 1916, in Gray Hawk, Ky., to Henry and Grace (Bullack) Gray. On April 29, 1939, in Newport, Ky., she married Edward Beard. He died in February 1995.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Joyce D. Beard of LaGrange; a brother, Henry Gray Jr.; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, William E. Beard, on Jan. 20, 2002; five brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Josh Hossler officiating. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Buford Cemetery in Buford, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange Missionary Church in LaGrange.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information about family members.*

Rudell Fugate

GARRETT — Rudell "Rudy" Fugate, 64, of Garrett died Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Fugate worked in maintenance at Indian Springs Campground. He attended Freedom to Worship in Altona.

He was born Sept. 3, 1940, in Kentucky

He married Gloria Ochoa on May 6, 1977. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are four sons, Scott W. Fugate of Hudson, Dallas Fugate of Garrett and Marvin Fugate and Steve Wier, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Tammy Fugate of Garrett; 10 grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Rose Fugate; and six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Beatrice and Chris McPhearson of Auburn, Viola and David Clair of Ohio, Joyce and Ed Cook of Auburn, Anita and Lester Rhodes of Garrett, Helen Bailey of Butler and Mary and Rick Maggert of Butler.

Services were conducted Monday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

Terry Park

AUBURN — Terry G. Park, 73, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Park retired in 1994 as a manufacturing representative for Precision Components.

He earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Toledo. He was a past president and active member of the Auburn Rotary Club.

He was born Jan. 8, 1932, in Toledo, Ohio, to Harley G. and Georgina (Casey) Park.

He married Nancy Richardson on July 17, 1954, in Toledo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim Park and Mary Fischer of Elmhurst, Ill.; a sister, Annette Goings of Toledo; and the last of his eight companion collies, Tiger.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Margaret Ann Park.

Services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. Bill Lyne officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Ross Kurtz

FOWLER — Ross J. Kurtz, 68, of Fowler died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at 11:32 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette.

He was born in Kendallville to Cecil D. and Marie (Sweet) Kurtz.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Lucie Kurtz of Americus; a daughter and son-in-law, Tressa and Edwin Teller of Garrett; and two grandchildren, Michael and Shelby Finley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores G. (Schlotterer) Kurtz, on Oct. 17, 2002; his parents; four brothers, Robert, Richard, Raymond and Dean; and a sister, Jeanne. There will be no calling or services.

Ronald Laney

SPENCERVILLE — Ronald E. Laney, 47, of Spencerville died Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at 3:54 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Laney was a production supervisor for Ashley Industrial Moldings. An avid Chicago Bears fan, he loved to fish and hunt.

He was born July 25, 1957, in Antwerp, Ohio, to James E. and Olive Jane (Swan) Laney. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Gwen (Ridgway) McClure. She survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are six sons and one daughter-in-law, Shane Hays of Kendallville, Brad and Stacie Laney of Auburn, and Jason McClure, Michael McClure, Brandon Laney and Nathan Laney, all of Spencerville; two daughters and one son-in-law, Tressie Laney and Shawn Crozier of Fort Wayne and Amanda Laney of Hicksville, Ohio; nine brothers, Larry Laney of Cecil, Ohio, James Laney Jr. of Paulding, Ohio, Richard Laney of Payne, Ohio, Robert R. Laney, Donald Laney, George Laney and Ken Laney, all of Hicksville, Ohio, Danny Laney of Spencerville, and William Laney of Payne, Ohio; four sisters, Doris Clemens of Continental, Ohio, Mary Smith of Spencerville, Jean Robinson of Urbana, Ohio, and Sue Mansfield of Hicksville, Ohio; six grandchildren, Mason, Taysha, Austin, Zachary, Alexis, and Kaiden; and his mother-in-law, Eileen Ridgway of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Laney, and a half-sister, Betty Williams.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Donald Boyd

ANGOLA — Donald E. Boyd, 83, of Angola died Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Boyd was born Oct. 17, 1921, in Kokomo to Emery and Bessie (Adamson) Boyd. He was married to Marie L. Case on April 11, 1942. She survives.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving in World War II. He worked on the Indiana Toll Road for 18 years, retiring in 1984, and was also a farmer.

He was a member of the Angola Christian Church, and was a 60-year member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry H. and Bonne Boyd of Angola; two daughters, Beverly Ann McMullen of Skokie, Ill. and Donna Jean Boyd and her fiancé, John Magallon, both of Stickney, Ill.; three grandchildren and their spouses, Brian and Holly Boyd, Lori and Craig Collins and Shandra and Chris Wren; and eight great-grandchildren, Griffin, Reece, Skye, Nathaniel, Sydney, Nick, Brad and Spencer.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Emery Haxton Boyd.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Angola Christian Church or Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

John Rectanus

LAGRANGE — John P. Rectanus, 78, of LaGrange died Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rectanus

Mr. Rectanus had moved to LaGrange County in 1978 from Fort Wayne.

He was retired from Dana Corp. and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Rectanus was a member of American Legion Post 215.

He was born Feb. 2, 1926, in Fort Wayne to William and Alma Rectanus. On April 3, 1946, in Angola, he married Patricia Gaylord. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Janet Rectanus of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert Rectanus of Fort Wayne; a sister, Ella May Hess of Palm Harbor, Fla.; two grandsons and their wives, Michael and Angela Rectanus and Gregory and Amy Rectanus, all of Fort Wayne; and five great-grandchildren, Amanda, Jonathan, Benjamin, Derek and Megan Rectanus, all of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Kate Kesterson and Margaret Haxby; and a brother, William Rectanus.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

David Skaggs

INDIANAPOLIS — David Skaggs, 61, of Indianapolis died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005.

Mr. Skaggs was born July 1, 1943, in Muncie to Alice Reynolds and Marvin Skaggs. He was a 1961 graduate of Muncie Central High School. He lived in Muncie until 10 years ago when he and his wife, Ruby Davis Skaggs, moved to Indianapolis. His wife preceded him in death.

He last worked as a refinishing technician at Finishmaster Automotive & Industrial Paint. He previously owned several custom paint businesses in Muncie, including Specialty Auto Refinishing with his son from 1984 to 1989. He taught paint refinishing at Ivy Tech.

He was a member of the National Hot Rod Association, and was a founding member of the Muncie Dragway in the late 1950s. He was also a member of the Indiana Street Rod Association, Kustom Kemps of America and Classic Chevy International.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Andrea and Chris Mertz; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Christina Skaggs; his mother and stepfather, Alice and Ray VanDeusen; a brother, Kenny Skaggs of Angola; three sisters, Ruth Hyslip, Jeanne Chapman and Laura Gorman; two grandchildren, Jerrod and Katelyn; and his significant other, Susan Petefish.

Memorial services were Jan. 8 at Castleton United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, where he was a member.

Memorials are to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

Vivaleene Ingram

KENNESAW, Ga. — Former Steuben County resident Vivaleene Nora Ingram, 85, of Kennesaw, Ga., died Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, in Marietta, Ga.

Mrs. Ingram was born Oct. 15, 1919, in Steuben County to Lawrence and Nora (Headley) Dick. She was married to Walter L. Ingram, and he survives.

She was a homemaker and a member of Kennesaw United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard L. Ingram of Kennesaw and Larry J. Ingram of Minneapolis; two sisters, Aliene Percy of Phoenix and Marceille Starr of Montpelier, Ohio; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 1 Corporate Square, Suite 127, Atlanta, GA 30327.

Kathleen Clapp

FORT WAYNE — Kathleen E. Clapp, 77, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at her home.

She was a retired secretary and a member of the First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Charles H. Clapp of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Emilie Manak of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Anne Dugan of Norman, Okla.; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Ruth Badders of New Ulm, Minn., and Melba Jean Gunzenhauser of Auburn.

Preceding her in death were a daughter, Kimberly; a son, Brent; and a granddaughter.

Private graveside services will be at Beech Grove Cemetery in Huntington. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Denise Ricci

ASHLEY — Denise M. Ricci, 41, of Ashley died Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ricci was born in Detroit on Nov. 30, 1963, to Eugene and Cynthia (Chepko) Lane. Her husband, Jimmy, preceded her in death in 2004.

Surviving are her mother, Cindy Lane of Ashley; three sisters, Laura Harrington and Linda Lane, both of Allegan, Mich. and Michelle Pokorny of Redford, Mich.; a brother, Thomas Lane of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a half-brother, Edward Johnson of California; and nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her father.

Private family services are planned.

Arrangements are being handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Ruben C. Newton

Ruben C. Newton, 70, of Columbia City, died at 7:59 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Breathitt County, Ky. on Dec. 2, 1934, a son of Roscoe and Vena (Morris) Newton, he was educated in the Breathitt County schools. He then moved to Mt. Sterling, Ky.

His marriage to Ruby C. Banks was on Oct. 8, 1953, in Mt. Sterling. They moved to Columbia City in 1960.

Employed with Holmes Lumber Company in Columbia City from 1961 to 1998 when he retired, he worked part-time with the Kroger Company in Columbia City until April 2004.

He was a member of Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby; two daughters, Deb Newton of Columbia City, and Brenda J. (John) Honeywell of Fort Wayne; a grandson, a granddaughter, a great-granddaughter; a sister, Ruby Brooks of Mt. Sterling; two brothers, David Napier of Mt. Sterling and Ronnie Creech of Interlochie, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Charles Douglas Newton and a brother, Ray Creech.

Visitation was Friday, January 14, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, in Columbia City. The funeral service was 10 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Chad Burkhart, of Victory Christian Center in Warsaw, officiating. Burial was at Hope Lutheran Cemetery, Coesse.

To send condolences, sign the family guest register book, or to light a remembrance candle, log onto www.demoney-grimes.com.

Cecil "Zeke" Bair

CROMWELL — Cecil "Zeke" Bair, 87, of Cromwell died Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at Avalon Health Care in Ligonier from the effects of Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Bair had retired from Indiana Insulated Wire. He had also worked at the Farm Bureau Co-op for 25 years and at Frick Services.

He was a member of Ormas Baptist Church and on the board of directors of Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries of Warsaw. Children attending area fairs knew Mr. Bair as the white-haired man at the red caboose. He had shown Christian films to thousands of people.

Mr. Bair enjoyed bowling and fishing.

He was born July 16, 1917, in Hanna, Ind., to George Alvin and Florence E. (Burns) Bair. On Sept. 12, 1941, in Warsaw, he married Carolyn Light Jerles. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Larry Wilkinson of Kimmell; a brother, Gene Bair of Warsaw; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a 3-month-old son, David; a daughter, Rosemary Zumbrun, who was killed in a traffic accident in 1978; and three brothers, Clifton, Neil and Kenneth.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Michael Allen officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church, Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries of Warsaw or the Shriners Children's Hospital in Chicago.

Juanita Holmen

LIGONIER — Juanita Holmen, 62, of Ligonier died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Holmen had moved to Ligonier in 1984 from Michigan City.

She had been a cashier for 18 years at Dollar General in Ligonier. She enjoyed attending the Shipshewana Flea Market.

Mrs. Holmen loved animals, especially her dogs.

She was born Aug. 18, 1942, in Bell County, Ky., to Floyd and Myrtle (Saylor) Bailey. They are deceased. On June 14, 1980, in Michigan City, she married Harvey Holmen. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Donna Thompson of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Tonya and Nathan Ruisard of Ligonier and Tina and Billy Thompson-Ams of Michigan City; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, John and Barbara Bailey of Portage, Robert and Beverly Bailey of Lugoff, S.C., Otis and Lena Bailey of Michigan City and Lloyd Bailey of Tupelo, Ark.; a sister and brother-in-law, Lula and Robert LeMar of Adams, Wis.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Charlie Mosley officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens in Michigan City.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

THE NEW ERA

JANUARY 19 2005 Albion, Indiana

Carol Francen-Carter

KENDALLVILLE — Carol J. Francen-Carter, 55, of Kendallville died at 10:56 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, from injuries she sustained in a traffic accident at the intersection of C.R. 1000E and S.R. 3 north of Avilla.

She had been a longtime Noble County resident and had worked for Colwell General in Kendallville for several years.

She was a member of Kingdom Hall in Kendallville. She enjoyed reading, writing, crafts, ceramics and spending time with her grandchildren.

A native of Terre Haute, she was born Aug. 22, 1949, to Lee and Betty (Scott) Cox. They survive in Fort Wayne. Her former husband, Terrance "Terry" Francen, died Dec. 25, 1978, from injuries he sustained in a traffic accident.

Also surviving are a special friend, Gordon Carter of Albion; two sons, and a daughter-in-law, Timothy and Laura Francen of Columbia City and Todd Francen of Avilla; a daughter, Holly Carter of Olympia, Wash.; two brothers, Robert Cox and his companion, Jaime Martinez, of Chicago, Ill., and Steve Cox of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren, Jacob, Shawna, Cassandra, Matthew and Sebastion Francen.

Robert Wade Strawser

LIGONIER — Robert Wade Strawser, 79, of Ligonier, died at 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at his son's residence in rural Ligonier.

He had lived most of his life in Steuben and Noble Counties. After retirement in 1980, Mr. Strawser and his wife moved to Fl.

Mr. Strawser was a member of the Rome City American Legion Post #381, lifetime member of the VFW, longtime Masonic Lodge member and a member of the Moose Lodge.

He was a proud U.S. Navy WW II veteran, served active duty from July of 1942 to October 1945, was honorably discharged as Seamna 1st Class. During his service time ,Mr.. Strawser was part of the USS Alabama, in which he took part in building the ship. Mr. Strawser took part in 16 major Naval engagements and earned 12 battle stars.

He worked for International Harvester in Ft. Wayne as a diesel repairman. Mr. Strawser retired in 1980 after 32 years of service.

He was born May 27, 1925, to Loyal A. and Frances G. (Pierson) Strawser. They are both deceased. He married Mary M. Wolovlek on September 6, 1947, in Ashley, Indiana. She survives.

Also surviving is a son, Arthur F. Strawser of rural Ligonier; two step children, Carol Mings and Wayne Bigelow; two sisters, Ann Ralph of Molene, IL and Mary Butterworth of Wolcottville, IN; along with three grandchildren; and 4 step grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were, one son, Robert Wade Jr.; one grandson, Thomas A. Strawser; one sister, Neldra Woodward; and one brother, Paul P. Strawser, 1950 Korean POW.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 19, 2005, with Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Masonic Services were conducted. Private burial services. Military graveside services will be conducted by Rome City American Legion Post #381 on the South Lawn at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road, Albion.

Memorials are to donors choice.

Services were at 3 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road, Albion. Private family burial services will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, THE FAMILY REQUESTS MEMORIALS TO the American Heart Association.

Edna Aplin

GARRETT — Edna M. Aplin, 89, of Garrett died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, at 12:10 a.m. at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Aplin worked part-time at the Garrett Public Library during the 1970s and was employed by Culligan until she retired in 1985.

She was a devoted Christian and a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a mother advisor for OES Rainbow Girls during the 1960s.

She was a Garrett Community Care volunteer and a volunteer receptionist at the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 7, 1915, in the prairie farmland town of Ruth Hilda, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Stella and Edwin Goldie.

After graduating from high school, she attended medical technology school in the United States.

She married E.F. Donavon Aplin, who preceded her in death.

She lived in Garrett as a homemaker from 1947 until September 2002, when she moved to an assisted living facility in Auburn.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Douglas and Jane Aplin of Toledo, Ohio, and Kirk Aplin of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeannie and John Cooper of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Erin Cooper, Dan Cooper, Garrick Aplin, Robert Aplin, Stuart Aplin and Andrew Aplin; and a great-granddaughter, Grace Mae Aplin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Wilda Schwalm; and a brother, Wendell Goldie of Garrett.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. An Order of the Eastern Star service will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Joyce Meredith

FORT WAYNE — Joyce Meredith, 58, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Meredith was a homemaker.

She was born May 5, 1946, in Kendallville to John and Leila (Campbell) Gillespie. They survive

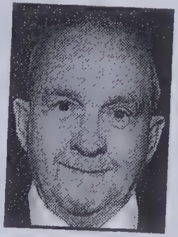
Also surviving are her husband of 33 years, Samuel; two daughters, Lisa Rene McBride of Florida and Nancy Hamilton of Fort Wayne; a son, Samuel B. Meredith Jr. of Fort Wayne; a brother, John V. Gillespie of Wolf Lake; five grandchildren; two foster grandchildren; and two foster great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at South Wayne Baptist Church, 2920 Indiana Ave., Fort Wayne, with Chaplain Roberta Ring officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Robert Hall Sr.

BELLEVUE, Ohio — Robert Paul Hall Sr., 84, of Bellevue, Ohio, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at 5:30 a.m. at his residence.



Mr. Hall

Mr. Hall worked as a freight conductor on the Nickel Plate Railroad for 26 years, retiring in 1981. He was a World War II Army veteran, serving from 1942 to 1946.

He was a member of the Bellevue Elks, the Eagles, the American Legion, Bellevue United Methodist Church, the Meritel Club and the Moose, and was a social member of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Aug. 7, 1920, in Altona to Edward J. and Lillie Mae (Metzler) Hall. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Lu Lu E. (Vanetten) Hall of Bellevue; two daughters, Diane Wallace of Auburn and Gertrude "Trudy" Judson of Pretty Lake, Wolcottville; a stepson, William Harvey of Scranton, Pa.; a brother, Marvin Hall of Altona; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Paul Hall Jr.; a stepson, Harold Harvey; five brothers, Richard Hall, Wilford Hall, Frederick Hall, Edward J. Hall Jr., and John E. Hall; and two sisters, Violet Richardson and Mary Gravite.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Douglas Barber officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

THE NEWS-SUN

JANUARY 20 2005 Kendallville, Indiana

Rose Trammel

AUBURN — Rose M. Trammel, 89, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Trammel

Mrs. Trammel worked as a licensed professional nurse at Parkview Hospital for more than 20 years.

A former resident of Spencerville, she was a member of the Spencerville Community Club, St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville and Lutheran Church Women.

She was born Feb. 6, 1915, in Coldwater, Ohio, to William and Elizabeth (Stuckey) Ahrns. They preceded her in death.

She married Oscar F. Beckman on June 22, 1935, in Philothea, Ohio. He died April 26, 1946.

She then married Herman C. Tieman on May 29, 1948, and he died Feb. 23, 1962.

She married Virgil J. Trammel on Nov. 23, 1964, and he died Aug. 1, 1970.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth J. and Floyd Krontz of Spencerville and Mary E. and Joseph Rouse of Franktown, Colo.; two sisters, Ruth Schoenlein of St. Henry, Ohio, and Dorothy Stachler of Greenville, Ohio; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; numerous stepgrandchildren; stepgreat-grandchidren; and stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Billy Neal Beckman, three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Spencerville. A graveside service will follow at 3 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Cemetery in Coldwater, Ohio.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Elizabeth Moser

SYRACUSE — Elizabeth E. "Betty" Moser, 86, of rural Syracuse died at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mrs. Moser

Mrs. Moser had been a homemaker and had worked for a brief period at the former Wirk Garment Co. She had spent her entire life on the family farm where she was born.

She was a member of Richville United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, the Friendship Club and a former member of the Hex Rural Home Economics Club.

Mrs. Moser was well known for her home cooking and she loved to share her talents with her friends. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, gardening, farming and traveling. Her travels included fishing trips to Michigan and Wisconsin, and a trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

She was born March 10, 1918, in Benton Township in Elkhart County to LeRoy and Ethel (Wolf) Blue. They are deceased. On Oct. 30, 1937, in New Paris, she married Eugene V. Moser. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Maurice and Judy Moser of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Layton Pergrem of Syracuse; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Richville United Methodist Church with Dr. Thomas Wiegand officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with Marty, Matt, Mitch and Ben Moser, Rob Geiger-Pergrem and Chris Fuleki serving as pallbearers.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Richville United Methodist Church.

THE NEWS-SUN

JANUARY 20 2005 Kendallville, Indiana

June Ostermeier

HUNTERTOWN — June R. Ostermeier, 57, of Huntertown died unexpectedly Monday morning, Jan. 17, 2005, in the emergency room of Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ostermeier had lived in Huntertown since 1970. Before moving to Huntertown, she and her husband lived in the Leo-Cedarville area.

She was the owner and operator of the Mills Cafe in Butler for the past four years, and had worked at the cafe for about nine years before purchasing it. She previously had worked as a journeyman apprentice bricklayer for 13 years. She was a 1966 graduate of Huntertown High School.

She was born Aug. 10, 1947, in Auburn to Robert and Doris J. (Stonebraker) Fredrick. Her mother survives in Huntertown and her father preceded her in death.

On Sept. 16, 1966, she married Terry J. Ostermeier, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Allisa K. Ostermeier of Huntertown; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Karen Fredrick of Wolcottville and Jack and Lori Fredrick of Huntertown; a sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Lynn Zehr of Huntertown; two grandchildren; and a stepgranddaughter.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Cindy L. Fredrick, and an uncle, Ross Fredrick.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Huntertown United Methodist Church, with Pastor Sherri Long officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from noon until 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Terry Ostermeier to help with funeral expenses.

Sheets and Childs funeral Home of Churubusco is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Lloyd Heller

FORT WAYNE — Lloyd Heller, 58, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Heller

Mr. Heller had been girls basketball coach at Concordia Lutheran High School for eight years. He also worked at Food Marketing for 26 years.

He was born June 15, 1946, in Sturgis, Mich., to Martin A. and Marie J. Heller. He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and a graduate of Avilla High School.

Survivors include his mother, of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Monica Heller of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert Heller of LaGrange; three sisters, Billie J. Gienger of Avilla, Linda L. Thiele of New Haven and Annette M. Anglin of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Addison S. Heller; and a close friend, Jack Bazur of LaOtto.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3425 Crescent Ave. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Coach Lloyd W. Heller Scholarship Fund in care of Concordia Lutheran High School.

Bertha Strayer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Bertha E. Strayer, 86, of Orlando and former longtime Kendallville resident died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at Celebration Hospital in Orlando.

Mrs. Strayer had resided at The Gable of Hunter's Creek.

She had retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville with 32 years of service and had worked at the McDonald's in Kendallville for more than 10 years.

Mrs. Strayer was a longtime member of South Milford Church of Christ and had attended First Christian Church in Kissimmee, Fla.

She was born July 24, 1918, in Wolf County, Ky., to Roscoe and Rosa (Smith) Baker. On Aug. 14, 1938, in Wolcottville, she married Marion A. Strayer. He died in 1999.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Paul VanWagner of Davenport, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Norman C. and Carol Strayer of Leesburg, Ind.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mabel and Virgil Whitford and Marty and Al Pyle, all of Kendallville; and six grandchildren and their spouses, Kevin and Kim Strayer of Troy, Ohio, Renee and Steve McCall of Winona Lake, Ind., Robin and Mike Clarke of Urbana, Ill., Randy and Lisa VanWagner of Livingston, Texas, and Rochelle and Jeff Rabold and Ryan VanWagner, all of Davenport; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Harvey, Paul and Bobby Baker.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

JANUARY 20 2005 Ligonier, Indiana

Friends, family pay tribute to Dr. Schloss

Dr. Schloss

FORT WAYNE — Dr. Robert P. Schloss, who guided the Ligonier Telephone Company from one era of technology to another, was laid to rest on Wednesday.

Dr. Schloss, 75, died Saturday at his Fort Wayne home. His funeral was Wednesday in Fort Wayne, and he was buried in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, his hometown.

He had owned the Ligonier Telephone Co. for the past 25 years, and was the latest member of his family to guide the company.

Dr. Schloss had a family medical practice at Anthony Medical Center in Fort Wayne from 1959 until his retirement due to illness in May 2004.

Under Dr. Schloss' guidance, the company vastly expanded its services, going from a small-town phone company to a high-tech firm that offers Internet and e-mail access, as well as satellite television and long-distance telephone services.

"He was a great man to work for," said Ruth Ann Richards of Topeka, who worked at the Ligonier Telephone Co. for 41 years, including more than 20 years as its general manager under Dr. Schloss. She retired three years ago.

"Dr. Schloss was a very forward-thinking man," Richards added. "He was always thinking about new things for the company to get involved in and grow with. He didn't want it to remain just a little-town phone company."

He was born July 27, 1929, in South Bend. He was a 1947 graduate of Ligonier High School and a 1956 graduate of Indiana University Medical School in Indianapolis. He interned at Hurley Hospital in Flint, Mich., and then entered the U.S. Air Force as a medical officer and was stationed at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia.

Dr. Schloss served on the staff of Lutheran, St. Joseph and Parkview hospitals.

He was a member of the Fort Wayne Medical Society, American Academy of Family Practice, American Medical Association, and the First Presbyterian Church.

Following the death of his father in 1980, he became president of Ligonier Telephone Co. In his capacity of president, he served on the board of directors of the Indiana Exchange Carriers Association and on numerous committees of the Indiana Telephone Association. He was also a member of the Indiana Fiber Network and the Indiana Video Network.

Surviving are his wife, Meshell Schloss of Fort Wayn three sons, Daniel Schloss, student at DePauw Universit Phillip Schloss of Hillsbor N.C., and Robert Schloss II o Columbus, Ind.; three daughters, Elizabeth Schloss, a student at Canterbury School Krista Schloss of Fort Wayne and Susan Koenemann of Fort Wayne; and 14 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Steven.

Services were Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, with graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Oak Park Cemetery with military rites by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or the Allen County SPCA.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

JANUARY 20 2005 Ligonier, Indiana

Robert Strawser

Robert Wade Strawser, 79, of Ligonier died at 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at the home of his son.

He had retired in 1980 after 32 years of service with International Harvester in Fort Wayne as a diesel repairman.

Mr. Strawser had lived most of his life in Steuben and Noble counties. Following his retirement, he and his wife moved to Florida. They returned to Indiana to live with their son in March 2004.

He was a member of Rome City American Legion Post 381, lifetime member of the VFW, longtime member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the Moose Lodge.

Mr. Strawser served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from July 1942 to October 1945. He was honorably discharged as a seaman first class. He took part in 16 major naval engagements and earned 12 battle stars. He was a part of the USS Alabama crew and helped build the ship.

He was born May 27, 1925, in Helmer to Loyal A. and Frances G. (Pierson) Strawser. On Sept. 6, 1947, in Ashley, he married Mary M. Wolovlek. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Arthur F. Strawser of Ligonier; a stepdaughter, Carol Mings; a stepson, Wayne Bigelow; two sisters, Ann Ralph of Moline, Ill., and Mary Butterworth of Wolcottville; four stepgrandchildren, Rosalyn Mings, Jerry Mings and Ray Mings and Rodney Bigelow; and three great-grandchildren, Amanda Strawser of Kendallville, Alison Strawser of Vincennes and Tammy Tell of Coldwater, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Robert Wade Strawser Jr.; a grandson, Thomas A. Strawser; a sister, Nelda Woodward; and a brother, Paul P. Strawser who died in 1950 while being held as a prisoner of war in Korea.

Services were Wednesday, January 19 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Burial was private. Military rites were conducted by members of Rome City American Legion Post 381 on the lawn of the funeral home.

Calling was Tuesday, January 18 at the funeral home with a Masonic service.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Juanita Holmen

Juanita Holmen, 62, of Ligonier died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Holmen

Mrs. Holmen had moved to Ligonier in 1984 from Michigan City.

She had been a cashier for 18 years at Dollar General in Ligonier. She enjoyed attending the Shipshewana Flea Market.

Mrs. Holmen loved animals, especially her dogs.

She was born Aug. 18, 1942, in Bell County, Ky., to Floyd and Myrtle (Saylor) Bailey. They are deceased. On June 14, 1980, in Michigan City, she married Harvey Holmen. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Donna Thompson of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Tonya and Nathan Ruisard of Ligonier and Tina and Billy Thompson-Ams of Michigan City; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, John and Barbara Bailey of Portage, Robert and Beverly Bailey of Lugoff, S.C., Otis and Lena Bailey of Michigan City and Lloyd Bailey of Tupelo, Ark.; a sister and brother-in-law, Lula and Robert LeMar of Adams, Wis.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Charlie Mosley officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens in Michigan City.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

JANUARY 20 2005 Ligonier, Indiana

LaVoid Lehman

LaVoid H. Lehman, 89, of Topeka died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, at Greencroft Health Center.

Mr. Lehman had been a farmer and had worked at Sprunger Brothers in Topeka and at Starcraft for 12 years in the tool set up shop. In addition, he had been a school bus driver for the 17 years with the Westview School Corp.

During World War II he drove an ambulance for the Army Medical Corps.

He was a member of the Topeka Mennonite Church. He enjoyed playing pinochle and socializing with friends. He had volunteered with the Mennonite Disaster Service.

Mr. Lehman was born May 5, 1915, in LaGrange County to Harry and Mae (Bobeck) Lehman. On June 2, 1950, in Mentone he married Betty Rice. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Greg and Connie Lehman of Topeka and Dexter and Sheryl Lehman of Buffalo, Minn.; a stepson and his wife, Gary and Sandra Wiley of Columbia City; a stepdaughter and her husband, Marlene and Roger Gohl of Los Angeles, Calif.; two half brothers and their wives, Jake and Marilyn Gloor of Ligonier and Bill and Geraldine Gloor of Topeka; a stepsister, Margarite Spencer of Michigan; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a half brother, Jim Gloor; a sister, Beulah DeWitt; and two stepsisters, Betty Gloor Hirschy and Joanne Gloor Wilson.

Services were Monday, January 17 at Topeka Mennonite Church with the Rev. John Hockman officiating. Burial was in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling was Sunday, January 16 at the church.

Memorials are to Care at Home/Hospice Program in care of Goshen General Hospital or to Topeka Mennonite Church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

Cecil Bair

Cecil "Zeke" Bair, 87, of Cromwell died at 6:45 a.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at Avalon Health Care in Ligonier from the effects of Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Bair had retired from Indiana Insulated Wire. He had also worked at the Farm Bureau Co-op for 25 years and at Frick Services.

He was a member of Ormas Baptist Church and on the board of directors of Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries of Warsaw. Children attending area fairs knew Mr. Bair as the white-haired man at the red caboose. He had shown Christian films to thousands of people.

Mr. Bair enjoyed bowling and fishing.

He was born July 16, 1917, in Hanna, Ind., to George Alvin and Florence E. (Burris) Bair. On Sept. 12, 1941, in Warsaw, he married Carolyn Light Jerles. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Larry Wilkinson of Kimmell; a brother, Gene Bair of Warsaw; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a 3-month-old son, David; a daughter, Rosemary Zumbrun, who was killed in a traffic accident in 1978; and three brothers, Clifton, Neil and Kenneth.

Services were Today at Orr Funeral Home with the Rev. Michael Allen officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Calling was on Wednesday, January 19 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church, Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries of Warsaw or the Shriners Children's Hospital in Chicago.

Chester Moore

Chester Moore, 70, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, at Marion General Hospital in Marion.

Before retiring in 1980, Mr. Moore was employed for more than 20 years with Curto Foundry in Ligonier. He was a member of Freewill Baptist Church in LaGrange. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army as private first class, serving from October 1953 to October 1956.

He was born Jan. 29, 1934, in Knott County, Ky., to Jasper and Fairlena (Napier) Moore.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Chester Wayne "Scooter" and Diana Moore of Marion, Farris Ray and Rebecca Moore of Florida and Billy Joe Moore of Ligonier; a daughter, Sharon Kay Bennett of Ligonier; the mother of his children, Luvica Moore of Ligonier; six grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; three great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Nellie Sturdivant and Lucinda and the Rev. Lee Combs, all of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Dalton Ray and Jeanette Moore of Rome City; and two half sisters and a brother-in-law, Yvonne and Sam Collins of Garrett, Ky., and Irene Helton of Winchester, Ky.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Farris Moore; four sisters, Iolet Lovely, Violet Sturdivant, Elsie Gibson and Lilly Itchner; and a half sister, Christine Jones.

Services were Sunday January 16 at Free Will Baptist Church in LaGrange, with the Rev. Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS-SUN
JANUARY 21, 2005 Kendallville, Indiana

Anita Sloffer

AVILLA — Anita Lee (DeVeny) Sloffer, 59, of Avilla died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, at her home at LaVerna Terrace in Avilla.

Mrs. Sloffer had worked for Kendallville veterinarian Dr. Drexel Hull and his wife, Carol, at their animal clinic on S.R. 3 north of Kendallville. She was a volunteer for the Humane Society of Noble County and served as its treasurer for several years. She was actively involved in raising funds for the current facility.

She will be remembered for her talents including arranging dried flowers, knitting, crocheting, sewing, cooking and gardening. She was a devoted mother and grandmother.

She was born Oct. 25, 1945, in Kendallville to Russell Guy DeVeny and Ottilee Juliene (Hall) Minnick. Her family lived in Garrett for several years and she attended Will Franks School there. In 1955 they moved to Huntertown. She was a cheerleader at Huntertown High School for four years, graduating from there in 1963.

Surviving are a daughter, Tina Marie Munn of Coralville, Iowa; a son and daughter-in-law, Neal Andrew and Amy Marie Sloffer of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn Ann and Ralph DePaolo of Garrett; a niece, Andrea Marie LaComb of Flower Mound, Texas; two aunts, Marjory DeVeny of Lancaster, Calif., and Imogene Kronmueller of Garrett; and three grandchildren, Abigail Marie Sloffer, Zachary Russell Sloffer and Mackenzie Arlee Sloffer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a son, Brett Russell Sloffer on Nov. 3, 1987.

Private arrangements are by Advantage Funeral and Cremation Services in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to an animal shelter of the donor's choice.

Betty Phillips

COLUMBIA CITY — Betty M. Phillips, 75, of Columbia City died at 7:03 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

Mrs. Phillips had been a resident at The Oaks Living Center since March 2004.

She had moved to Columbia City in 1965 and had been employed at Blue Bell and then for 23 years at Dana Weatherhead.

Mrs. Phillips attended Columbia City Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Sept. 22, 1929, in Whitley County to John and Etta (Rosenogle) McCullough. She spent her formative years in Churubusco and was a graduate of Churubusco High School.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Cynthia Gerardot of Fort Wayne and Deborah and Kenneth Adams, Kathy and Randy Crawford and Charlene and Thomas Civiletto, all of Columbia City; two brothers, Thomas Eugene McCullough of Albion and David McCullough of Columbia City; two sisters, Virginia Bair of Cromwell and Grace Ellen Crabill of Churubusco; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Thomas Beers of Columbia City Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Columbia City Church of the Nazarene, Erin's House or the American Lung Association.

Crash survivor's condition improves

BY BOB BRALEY
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AVILLA — A 13-year-old Avilla boy who survived a crash that killed four members of his extended family has improved from critical to fair condition, according to Parkview Hospital.

Zachary McCue will start the process of having a trachea tube removed today, according to his mother, Terri Clark of Avilla.

Clark's husband, Chris Clark, said the tube will be downsized today with plans to remove it soon.

McCue was transferred to a pediatric room Wednesday, Terri Clark said. He has been taking therapy in his room for the last two days, and was scheduled to go to rehab today.

Killed in the crash Jan. 7 at the south intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 in Avilla were McCue's grandparents, Stephen and Evelyn Summers of LaGrange; his aunt, Heidi Kilburn of Kendallville; and Kilburn's daughter, Morgan Kilburn, 11, also of Kendallville.

Stephen Summers allegedly pulled in front of a wrecker towing a car, causing the crash.

McCue has been sitting up and drinking Sprite, Terri Clark said. "He writes what he needs," she said, explaining that he can't talk due to the trachea tube. "He's been watching some sports on TV."

Zach is doing remarkably well with therapy, Terri Clark said.

"He's just improving every day," Chris Clark said.

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Myron Hunter

SOUTH MILFORD — Myron Benjamin Hunter, 88, of South Milford died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Fla., where he was spending the winter months.

Mr. Hunter

Mr. Hunter had a farm north of South Milford and had also been employed as a truck driver with Seagley's Propane in Kendallville and Weiss Trucking in Mongo.

He was an active member of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church north of Wolcottville.

He enjoyed playing shuffleboard both in Kendallville and Sarasota. He played an integral part in building the shuffleboard courts in Sunset Park in Kendallville.

In his earlier years he managed and played on a local softball team.

Mr. Hunter was born June 8, 1916, in Scott to Benjamin and Myra (Burris) Hunter. On Oct. 26, 1939, in Convoy, Ohio, he married Rachael Mary Thornell. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and Ken Anspach of Van Wert, Ohio, Ruby and Steve Teeple of Bradenton, Fla., and Bonita and Harold Burtner of Muncie; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Stanley and Jean Hunter of Benton, Ky., Rodney and Nancy Hunter of LaGrange, Lowell and Dona Hunter of Wolcottville, and Merrill Hunter of Corunna; two sisters, Margie Hoellrich of Bradeton and Rae Frye of Van Wert; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Leslie Hunter, on June 21, 1956.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church near Wolcottville with the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Katrina George

EATON PARK, Fla. — Katrina Mae (Prosser) George, 73, died of heart failure on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005.

A retired secretary, she was a member of COPS and the Homeland Association and was a Christian. She moved to central Florida from Oklahoma in 1960.

She was born in Auburn on Feb. 25, 1931. Her father, Leonard Prosser, preceded her in death. Her mother, Beulah Gretchen (Rowe) Teeters, survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are her husband, Joseph George; two sons, Brian Wetherill of Cleveland, Tenn., and Timothy Wetherill of Florida; two grandchildren; one sister, Patty Desmond of Winter Haven, Fla., one brother, Richard L. Prosser of Auburn; and her aunt, June Houser of Hamilton Lake.

Private services will be at a later date. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery northeast of Corunna.

Brian Daniels

LARWILL — Brian Scott Daniels, 39, of Larwill died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005.

Surviving are his wife, Ellen M. Weybright; two sons, Jared Oberley and Kyle Daniels, both of Larwill; a daughter, Katelyn Daniels of Larwill; his parents, Frederick and Barbara Daniels of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Rebecca and Tom Neuhaus of Fort Wayne and Pam and Scott Kipfer of Spencerville; a grandmother, Ellen Hofrichter of Fort Wayne; and three nephews.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with burial at South Whitley Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Wesleyan Church.

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Frances Archer

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Frances Archer, 87, of New Port Richey died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, at the John Knox Village Medical Center in Tampa.

Mrs. Archer

She was born in Elkhart, Ind., and retired to Bonita Springs, Fla., from Cromwell, Ind., in 1976, and moved to New Port Richey in 1983.

She will be remembered by all who knew her as a good Christian, a loving wife and mother, a nurturing grandmother and a faithful friend.

Surviving are her husband, Wayne, whom she married in 1938; a son and daughter-in-law, Edmond Delaine and Berdie Archer of Miami; a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine "Mona" and Jim Cole of Tampa; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service is planned for a later date at the Heritage Lake Community Center.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are by North Meadowlawn Funeral Home, New Port Richey.

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Rev. Marvin Tuttle

STROH — The Rev. Marvin Douglas Tuttle, 60, of Stroh died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at his residence.

He organized and pastored Charity United Baptist Church since 1989. He was a pattern maker with Foley Pattern in Auburn.

Mr. Tuttle

He was born May 6, 1944, to Jay and Delzy (Chaffins) Tuttle in Minnie, Ky. He married Patricia Ann Rister on June 9, 1962, in Garrett, Ky.

Surviving are his wife; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Ronald and Christina Tuttle of Stroh, Phillip and Bobbie Tuttle of Flint, Donald and Norma Tuttle of Kendallville, Terry Tuttle of Stroh and Bruce Tuttle of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Larry Diehl of Stroh; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Harvey and Ruthie Tuttle of Hudson, the Rev. Billy Ray and Betty Tuttle of Hudson, and Rodney and Helen Tuttle of Garrett, Ky.; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Edna Mae Tuttle of Wolcottville, Nadine and Billy Ray Powers of Mongo, Barbara and Oscar Slone of Rome City, Ruby and Klinon Newsome of McDowell, Ky., and Cindy and Gary McNickle of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Isom Tuttle; and a sister, Irene Moore.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Charity United Baptist Church, located at LaGrange county roads 100S and 950E near Stroh, with the Rev. Willie Collins, the Rev. John Ward and the Rev. Todd Masters officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday at Charity United Baptist Church where an evening service will be at 6 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Aaron Schrock

LAGRANGE — Aaron A. Schrock, 19, of LaGrange died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, at his home.

He was a student at Glen Oaks Community College, Centreville, Mich., and employed at the LaGrange County Library and the LaGrange Church of God Day Care.

Surviving are his parents, DeLee N. and Janice P. (Fuhrer) Schrock of LaGrange; two sisters, Mandy Mynhier-Lake and her husband, Charles, of Battle Creek, Mich., and Carrie Mynhier and her companion, Tom Milham, of Howe; a niece, Claire Milham of Howe; a nephew, Grayden Milham of Howe; and grandparents Edwin and Catherine Schrock of LaGrange and Carl Fuhrer of Fort Mitchell, Ala.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in LaGrange, with burial at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. A rosary will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses.

Robert Roehm

WOLCOTTVILLE — Robert E. "Bob" Roehm, 76, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, in Winter Haven, Fla.

He owned and operated Roehm Marine in Fort Wayne for 35 years.

Mr. Roehm

Mr. Roehm was a board member of the Fort Wayne International Aviation Museum, a member of the Seaplane Pilots Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, EAA, the Back Forty Flying Club, American Legion Post 82, the Young Eagles, Baymer United Methodist Church in Winter Haven and an affiliate member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn (Parkison) Roehm of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert E. and Deb Roehm II of Markle; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Susan and David Junk of Winter Haven, Fla., Nancy and John Austin of Fort Wayne, Margaret Roehm of Fort Wayne, and Elizabeth and James Sanderson of Wawaka; a sister and brother-in-law, J. Carole and Richard Hill of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or Visiting Nurse and Hospice.

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Norman Egolf

CHURUBUSCO — Norman Egolf, 87, of rural Churubusco died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at his residence.

Mr. Egolf

He was a Smith Township farmer most of his adult life.

He was born Oct. 28, 1917, in Fort Wayne to Paul and Alta (Hawk) Egolf. He was a 1936 graduate of Churubusco High School.

On June 10, 1939, in Goshen, he married Inabelle Veazey.

He was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church and Whitley County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and David Solomon of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert A. and Lois Egolf of Churubusco; one brother, Roger Egolf of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Bea Leitch of Churubusco and Phyllis Miller of Columbia City; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery, rural Churubusco.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Alitha Deibele

GARRETT — Alitha L. Deibele, 101, of Garrett, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at 10:50 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Garrett.

Mrs. Deibele

Mrs. Deibele worked as the office manager at the Garrett Clinic for six years, from 1920 to 1926.

She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett for 79 years. She was a member of the Zion Ladies Aide and was a Sunday school teacher for many years.

She married Donald S. Deibele Sr., on April 22, 1926, in Kendallville. He died Nov. 21, 1992.

She is survived by two daughters, Jeanette M. Dallas of Garrett and Patricia A. Perry of Santee, Calif.; a son, Donald S. Deibele Jr., of Garrett; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, LeRoy Wessel and Maurice Wessel; two sisters, Helen Shumaker and Edna Dannenberg; two granddaughters; and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn of the church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Paul Young

KIMMELL — Paul D. Young, 74, of rural Kimmell died at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, at his Smalley Lake home.

He had retired from Smoker Craft Co. in New Paris where he was a line foreman and later a repairman. Previously he had worked in Dayton, Ohio, Detroit, and at Sea Nymph Boat Co. in Syracuse.

He had lived at Smalley Lake since 1985.

He married Deborah E. Ellison on Feb. 21, 1987. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul "Steve" Young and Ronnie S. Young, both of Greenville, Ohio; three daughters, Carolyn Hoskins of Dayton, Diane Gilliot and her husband, Bernard, of Greenville, Ohio, and Kayla L. Young, at home; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a brother, John Samuel Young of California; and two sisters, Mae Sutter of Greenville, Ohio, and Rheba Chambers of Muncie.

Preceding him in death were a son, Roy Lee Young; a brother, Stan Young; and sisters Zitta Kennedy, Wilma Sutter, Arlena Stocker and Ceila Franklin.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Robert Kimmell of New Hope Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

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Harold Boggs

TAVARES, Fla. — Harold S. Boggs, 79, of Taveres, Fla., died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at the Ruleme Center in Eustis.

He was a drill press operator at International Harvester in Fort Wayne until retiring in 1983. A native of Allen County, he had moved to Taveres in 2000.

Mr. Boggs

Mr. Boggs was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born Sept. 8, 1925, to Adam S. and Mamie (Cross) Boggs. He married Marsaleete Shively on Jan. 14, 1950, in Churubusco. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steven E. Boggs of Fort Wayne and Jeffery L. and MiSue Boggs of Columbus, Ga.; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Eleanor Boggs of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister and brother-in-law, Sarah Leone (Susie) and John Stemen of Butler; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Fred Woodward officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Frances Archer

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Frances Archer, 87, of New Port Richey, Fla., died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, at the John Knox Village Medical Center in Tampa.

She was born in Elkhart and retired to Bonita Springs, Fla., from Cromwell in 1976, and moved to New Port Richey in 1983.

Mrs. Archer

She will be remembered by all who knew her as a good Christian, a loving wife and mother, a nurturing grandmother and a faithful friend.

Surviving are her husband, Wayne, whom she married in 1938; a son and daughter-in-law, Edmond Delaine and Berdie Archer of Miami; a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine "Mona" and Jim Cole of Tampa; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Jack Berhalter of Kendallville and Mary and Darrell Stewart of Brimfield; a brother and sister-in-law, Russell and Doris Bailey of Muncie; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Jack Osborn, Marion Osborn and Harry Bailey; and a sister, Bernice Mullett.

A celebration of life service is planned for a later date at Heritage Lake Community Center.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are by North Meadowlawn Funeral Home, New Port Richey.

Kenneth Trittipo

KIMMELL — Kenneth W. Trittipo, 83, of Kimmell died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at his home.

He had been a machine operator at Sorg's in Ligonier.

He was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 243 and Ligonier Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed working in his yard, fishing and working on cars.

Mr. Trittipo

Mr. Trittipo was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II in which he drove tanks.

He was born Jan. 15, 1922, in Ligonier to Arthur E. and Luella (Damey) Trittipo. He married Nedra Ball on May 13, 1948, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Elizabeth Dreibelbis; and four brothers, Donald, Glen, Robert and Herbert.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Kimmell United Methodist Church, the Rev. Rachel Bales-Case and the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial with military rites will be at Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Masonic services will be at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Kimmell United Methodist Church.

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Judith Rathburn

ANGOLA — Judith Lea Rathburn, 89, of Angola died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She taught school in Steuben County and also at Tri-State University.

She was born Nov. 29, 1915, in Henry County to William and Hettie Burcaw. She attended Ball State University where she met and married Curtis Rathburn in 1938. She was a member of Angola United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William and Virginia Rathburn of Angola; a daughter, Susan Jacobsen of Angola; three grandchildren, Christopher Rathburn of Angola, Kristen Foland of Fort Wayne and Capt. Keri Maloney of Germany.

Preceding her in death were her husband in 1997; a daughter, Sally Maloney; a brother, Mendal Burcaw; and a sister, Martha Caine.

Cremation arrangements are by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Angola. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the Angola Fire Department or Cameron Hospice and Home Health Care.

Grethel Ritchie

FISTY, Ky. — Grethel Ritchie, 72, of Fisty, Ky., died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

She was born Jan. 7, 1933, to William G. and Daucie Ritchie.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis Ritchie of Fisty and Scott Ritchie of Kendallville; a daughter, Tessie Hicks of Fisty; a brother, Carl Ritchie of Rome City; two sisters, Roberta Cornett of Ozark, Ala., and Flora Holliday of Rome City; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Dennis; a sister, Gail; brothers, Delbert and J.D.; and a foster son, William Campbell.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Hindman Funeral Services Chapel, with burial at Singleton Cemetery at Fisty.

Daniel Galey

GLOVERSVILLE, S.C. — Daniel D. Galey, 77, of Gloversville, S.C., died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, in Gloversville.

Mr. Galey was employed as a longshoreman in Chicago for 40 years. He was a World War II veteran.

He was born July 2, 1927, in Ottumwa, Iowa, to Arthur and Lucy Galey.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; and two sisters, Louise Galey and Elizabeth Eberhard, both of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, James, Richard, Paul, John and Theodore Galey.

Burial will be in Shaul Cemetery at Ottumwa, Iowa.

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Mr. Boyd remembered as a cowboy

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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Donald Boyd is seen riding a horse in this photo contributed by his family. Mr. Boyd was eulogized by his daughter, Donna Jean Boyd, in a poem that illustrated his riding "on four legs or two wheels, with the wind in his face." Mr. Boyd died recently at the age of 83.

"He was known by the town, and somebody said,

There goes Don Boyd the cowboy, with his hat on his head!

Though later in life, he was grounded, they say.

And the horses and cycles were all put away.

But I'll bet in his dreams he still rode every place

On four legs or two wheels, with the wind in his face.

And again he can ride, and now he is free!

Cause my dad was a cowboy, and he always will be."

Those were some of the sentiments Donna Jean Boyd, the youngest daughter of Donald Boyd of Angola, expressed in a poem she wrote and then read at her father's funeral this past week.

"My husband said he never could have done it," said Bonne Boyd, who has been married to Mr. Boyd's son, Larry, for 39 years. "We couldn't believe Donna did it, but she did. And she did a great job."

Mr. Boyd, 83, had been in failing health for about the past year. He died Monday.

His wife of 62 years, Marie, said if she could describe her husband with one word, it would probably be "outgoing."

"He loved life and he very much loved people," Marie said, tears catching in her throat. "He was a good dad and a good husband."

The Boyds met when Marie was 19 and Donald was 20. They used to go to the same local dance halls.

"My family met him and approved of him," Marie said. "I think people thought we were too young when we got married, but I guess we did OK."

Dancing was something the Boyds loved all through their married life.

"Lawrence Welk was on not too long ago, and he said, 'Oh, I wish I could dance with you.' He just didn't do too well when he tried to stand up and walk. But he held me and we swayed to the music a little. We did the best we could."

Bonne remembers her father-in-law as someone who loved horses and motorcycles.

"He was a cowboy," she said. "Even when he went to motorcycles … it was just trading in something with four legs for something with two wheels. He still had the wind in his face."

Mr. Boyd became a familiar figure about town on his motorcycle (Marie said it was a Honda, but she didn't know how big.)

"I don't know why he married me … I didn't like horses and I didn't like motorcycles. I guess maybe he thought I had money, but I didn't," Marie said. Mr. Boyd rode his motorcycle to places he frequented, such as Tom's Donuts in Angola.

"People would say, 'There goes Boyd,'" Marie said. "Even with his helmet on, they knew it was him."

Bonne said in the past nearly four decades she spent around her father-in-law, she can't remember a time when he didn't treat her like family.

"He and my mother-in-law both always made me feel very comfortable," she said with a smile. "I was one of them right away. He was a teaser and a joker though. And that never stopped."

As the family grew and Mr. Boyd's children had children, and then those children became parents, he enjoyed being a part of their lives.

"He loved the grandkids and the great-grandkids. He loved being around the little babies," Bonne remembered. "He was all about that."

In recent years, Marie said, her husband had stopped going to church for a while. But he went back a couple of weeks ago, and he was smiling and shaking hands with everyone, she said.

"The pastor said he knew he had to go and say goodbye to his church friends," she said.

Marie remembered her husband as "a man with a bright smile and the most beautiful, unusual blue eyes."

"He was a wonderful, wonderful man," Marie said.

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Marion Tucker Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Marion A. Tucker Sr., 57, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born Oct. 23, 1947, in Kentucky.

Service arrangements are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Frank Stechcon

SOUTH BEND — Frank W. Stechcon, 88, of South Bend died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005 at 5:10 a.m. in Ironwood Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 15, 1916 to John and Mary (Druzius) Stechcon. He had lived in South Bend for the last 55 years.

An avid fisherman and hunter in the Lake Wawasee area, he retired in 1989 after 40 years with Allied Signal in South Bend.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, John and Anna Mae of Helmet, Calif.; a niece and her spouse, Barbara and Larry Varda of South Bend, many nieces and nephews throughout the United States.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eunice M. Stechcon; his parents; five sisters, Alice Zavecky, Vera Uldin, Elizabeth Spittler, Frances Downes and Rose Hoover; and one brother, Joseph Stechcon.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the Hickey Funeral Home, 3516 E. Jeffeson Blvd. Burial will be in Mishawaka Fairview Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of St. Joseph County, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637.

Ruby Kuckein

FORT WAYNE — Ruby Becker Kuckein, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital.

She was born Aug. 7, 1912 to Elmer Becker and Gertrude (Katherine) Faye Lybarger of Kendallville.

She had been a buyer for Howard's Gift Shop in Fort Wayne and was active in the Fort Wayne Coutry Club where she excelled at golf. She played in various national tournaments. A bird enthusiast and a bird watcher, she established a number of bluebird houses in Fort Myers, Fla. She was also a volunteer educator and a naturalist at wildlife centers in Fort Myers, Fla., and Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her brother, Kenton E. Becker of Pleasant Lake, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Clora, Ruth, June and Frances; four brothers, Walter, Warren, Ralph and Thomas; her husband, Arthur Kuckein of Fort Myers, Fla; and her parents.

Private family memorial services are pending.

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Former State Sen. Dale Barrett dies at 82

ANGOLA — Sen. F. Dale Barrett, 82, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Sen. Barrett was born March 1, 1922, in Decatur, Ill., to Ferre Charles and Sylvia M. (Myers) Barrett. He was married to Margaret Wise on Sept. 28, 1946. She survives.

He was a former Indiana state senator from 1958 to 1962. He served as chairman of the Welfare and Social Security Committee and was on the study committee for the Not For Profit Trade Schools and Employment Security acts.

He organized the Whitley County Young Democrats in 1957, and served as the organization's first president. The next year, he was elected to the Fourth District presidency. During his time in that office, Young Democrats clubs were organized in every county of the district.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II. While in the service, he took part in five major invasions and was on the USS Breton for 30 months in the South Pacific.

Sen. Barrett

He was an inventory auditor at International Harvester, where he worked for 35 years, retiring in 1982. At Harvester, he served on the Central Labor Council. He was also the chairman of CAP, Local 305.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31, and was a past commander of Churubusco American Legion Post No. 157. He was past chaplain of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7205, and was the former Democratic city chairman in Churubusco, where he was precinct committeeman for 45 years.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, as well as the Knights of Columbus, Allen County Labor Club, the Jefferson Club and the Indiana Legislative Club.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Church in Ege, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Ege. Military graveside rites will be performed.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Former state Sen. Barrett dies

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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ANGOLA — State Sen. F. Dale Barrett, who served from 1958 to 1962 and relocated to Angola in 1993, has died. He was 82.

Barrett was originally from the Churubusco area.

He served the Democratic Party as a precinct committeeman, town chairman and delegate to the state convention. He organized the Whitley County Young Democrats in 1957, and served as the organization's first president. The next year, he was elected to the Fourth District presidency.

Barrett

During his time in that office, Young Democrats clubs were organized in every county of the district.

During his time in office, Barrett served on a number of committees. He was chairman of the Welfare and Social Security Committee, and at the close of the 1961 session, he was appointed to the study committee for the Not For Profit Trade Schools and The Employment Security acts.

In addition to being a politician, Barrett was a military man, serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He spent 30 months aboard the U.S.S. Breton in the South Pacific, taking part in five major campaigns. He also spent four years in the military reserves.

As a career, Barrett worked for International Harvester for 35 years. While there, he served on the Central Labor Council. He retired in 1982 as an inventory auditor.

A civic-minded man, Barrett belonged to many clubs and organizations. He was a longtime member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31 and Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7205, where he served as commander, adjutant and in other capacities.

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Melvin Kauffman

BRISTOL — Melvin D. Kauffman, 81, of Bristol died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at Greencroft Nursing Center in Goshen following an extended illness.

Mr. Kauffman

He was the owner of Kauffman Sales & Service in Middlebury and had worked for more than 10 years at Carriage in Millersburg. He had also delivered the South Bend Tribune to area paper carriers for 19 years. He retired in 2001.

He attended Bristol Missionary Church.

He was born Aug. 30, 1923, in Kenmare, N.D., to William R. and Elma (Harris) Kauffman. On Nov. 21, 1942, at Emma Mennonite Church in Topeka, he married Betty R. Hostetler. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Paul Boyer of Goshen; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gerald and Sandy Kauffman of Middlebury, and Darrell and Lydia Kauffman and Melvin Kauffman, all of Goshen; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Iva Merrifield of Howe, Hazel and Payson Hostetler of Goshen and Lois Franz of Mount Pleasant, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Floyd "Shorty" and Thelma Kauffman and Frank and Evelyn Kauffman, all of Goshen; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Marvin and Leroy Kauffman; a sister, Elsie Zook; and a grandson, Corey Boyer on July 7, 2003.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Brad Whitehead officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Lions Eye Bank.

James Donovan

KENDALLVILLE — James J. Donovan, 70, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Donovan retired from PVC Compounders in Kendallville.

He had served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 and Francis Vineyard VFW Post 2749, both in Kendallville.

Mr. Dovovan was born Sept. 11, 1934, in Lincoln, Neb., to John and Marguerite (Bourne) Donovan. On Aug. 27, 1994, in Kendallville, he married Wanda Conley. She died Jan. 14, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stephen and Cheri Donovan of Kendallville and Michael Donovan of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters, Patricia Lambright of Kendallville and Judy Byes of Colorado Springs; a brother, Michael Donovan of Montrose, Colo.; and three grandchildren, Natasha Wilson of Kendallville and Amanda Donovan and Ryan Dovovan of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Jerry Donovan, and another brother, John Donovan.

Memorials services will be at a later date.

There will be no calling.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Ina Knecht

ANGOLA — Ina M. Knecht, 76, of Angola died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at home.

Mrs. Knecht

Mrs. Knecht was born June 1, 1928, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Harvey and Millie (Schelgel) Harrington. She was married to Richard Knecht on Aug. 27, 1949, in Bellefontaine, Ohio. He survives.

She was a 50-year member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola. She was a member and past president of the Psi Iota Psi Sorority of Angola. She was a volunteer for the Red Cross and Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

Also surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Gay Ann and James Berlien of Fort Wayne, Cathy Knecht of South Bend, Rhonda Banta of Goshen and Amy Knecht of Winter Haven, Fla.; three brothers, Ralph Harrington of Greenville, Mich., Gerald "Scorch" Harrington of Montpelier and Michael Harrington of Denver; two sisters, Connie Lamberson of Montpelier and Merrie Harrington of Cincinnati, Ohio; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1300 N. Williams St., Angola, with the Rev. Thomas A. Herbon of Goshen and the Rev. Amy Beitelschees-Albers of Calvary Lutheran Church officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church or Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Levi Schrock

SHIPSHEWANA — Levi S. Schrock, 83, of Shipshewana died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Schrock was a farmer and had worked at various area factories.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church and ordained as a minister in 1972.

He was born June 22, 1921, in Haven, Kan., to Sam T. and Mary (Borntrager) Schrock. On Oct. 21, 1942, in Shipshewana, he married Ida Mae Wingard. She died May 21, 1983. He then married Emma Gingerich on Sept. 27, 1986, in Shipshewana. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Mary Catherine and Mervin Miller, Anna Mae and Ray Bontrager, Nora and Amos Bontrager and Wilma Sue Schrock, all of Shipshewana; three sons and daughters-in-law, Veron and Mary Schrock of Mason, Mich., Wilbur and Sue Schrock of Goshen and Joe and Martha Schrock of Shipshewana; a daughter-in-law, Anna Schrock of Shipshewana; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Katie Eash and Wilma Wingard, both of Shipshewana, Emma and Reuben Mullen of Goshen and Fannie Mae Miller of Middlebury; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Felty and Marge Schrock of Topeka and Eli and Deloris Schrock of Bradenton, Fla.; several stepbrothers and stepsisters; 36 grandchildren; and 56 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his stepfather, Levi Yoder; three sons, Samuel, Levi Jr. and Elmer; a granddaughter, Emma; two sisters, Anna Miller and Sarah Noelle; and two brothers, Samuel and Ed.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family residence with Bishop Leonard Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Elliott Rowe Jr.

ANGOLA — Elliott C. Rowe Jr., 74, of Angola died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at home.

Mr. Rowe was born in Arlington, Mass., on Jan. 6, 1931, to Elliott Sr. and Clarissa (Wilson) Rowe. He married Belle E. Harverson on May 1, 1952, in Newport News, Va. She survives.

He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and the Eagles Lodge in Toledo, Ohio. He belonged to the Angola Church of God. He was a self-employed construction worker.

Also surviving are four sons, Everett, Elliott C. III and Christopher L. Rowe, all of Angola, and Kenneth Rowe of Toledo; two daughters, Donna Justice of Clyde, N.C., and Trula Allen of Altoona, Iowa; three brothers, Albert Rowe of Cambridge, Mass., George Rowe of Hanson, Mass. and Walter Rowe of Dorchester, Mass.; three sisters, Margie Clemens of Buena Park, Calif., Rose Mary Elsbree of Framingham, Mass., and Louise Eno of Walpole, Mass.; 25 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Jenny Tramentozzi and Teresa "Chris" Ferrara.

There will be no calling or services.

Arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Ralph Wilson

GOSHEN — Ralph J. Wilson, 61, of Goshen died at 12:23 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Wilson was retired from Atwood Mobile Products Inc. in Elkhart. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and was discharged in 1995.

He was a member of Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church.

Mr. Wilson was a lifetime member of DAV and the VFW in Goshen and the Citizens Academy of the Goshen Police Department.

He was born on May 3, 1943, in Kendallville to Otho Lamont and Bermuda (Vaughn) Barkey. His mother survives in Topeka. On Aug. 25, 1962, in Kendallville, he married Mariana Cortez. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Grace and Dean Brubaker of Goshen, Christian and Edward Knuckles of Middlebury and Angela Good of Goshen; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark and Talishia Wilson and Michael Goshen, both of Goshen; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bertrand and Dorothy Barkey of Topeka and Earl and Sherry Wilson of Albion; a sister, Beverly Barkey of Topeka; a half sister, Dixie, of Illinois; a half brother, John Barkey of Illinois; and 15 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Brian K. Wilson; a half brother, Jim Wyatt; and his adopted mother, Cordice J. Wilson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen. Burial will be in West Goshen Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Elkhart County.

Condolences may be sent online to www.rrefh.com.

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Velda Munger

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Velda Jane Munger, 65, died Monday Dec. 27, 2004, in St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Munger spent most of her life in Nevada Mills near Angola. She was an avid antiques and primitives collector, trader and seller.

Surviving are her children, Cheryl Ray, Reba Kemery, Clayton Munger and Marsha Metheny.

Mrs. Munger

Services Held

LAGRANGE — Services for **Chester Moore** were held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005, at New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange with Pastor Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Scooter Moore, Farris Moore, David Sturdivant, Derek Sturdivant, Paul Sturdivant and Bubb Bennett. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Former DeKalb councilman Roger Stebing dies at 86

GARRETT — Roger W. Stebing, 86, of Garrett died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stebing

Mr. Stebing had been a DeKalb County councilman for 12 years and had served on the DeKalb County Planning Commission.

He was a farmer in Butler Township for 45 years and worked as a bookkeeper for Rohm Chevrolet of Auburn and L.G. Maxton of Angola.

A member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn for more than 50 years, he sang in the church choir and men's choir and was a member of the church council.

He also was a member of the DeKalb County Fair Board, the credit committee of DeKalb Financial Credit Union, the Northeastern Indiana Solid Waste Management District, hazardous waste committee, and soil and water preservation committee.

He served as a secretary-treasurer of the DeKalb County Co-op for 25 years. He was also a Farm Bureau member for 45 years, and a member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club.

Mr. Stebing was born July 16, 1918, in Auburn to Perry C. and Bernice (Weimer) Stebing.

On Aug. 10, 1941, in Spencerville, he married Erma Jean Baltz. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Tom Stebing of Fort Wayne; a sister, Helen Bussell of Auburn; a brother, Donald Stebing of Fort Wayne; and a grandchild.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 E. Ninth St., Auburn, with Pastor Stephen K. Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Fredona Wiseman

WINONA LAKE — Fredona Wiseman, 78, of Winona Lake died at 7:35 p.m. Sunday. She had been a resident of Grace Village Retirement Center and Miller's Assisted Living in Warsaw.

Mrs. Wiseman

Mrs. Wiseman retired in 1987 as a pin grinder at Zimmer.

She was a 1945 graduate of Wolf Lake High School and a 1946 graduate of International Business College in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wiseman was active in the Warsaw Wesleyan Church where she served as a greeter and had volunteered at KCH for many years.

She had delivered Mobile Meals and was a member of 8 Square Extension Homemakers Club. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, gardening and growing flowers.

Mrs. Wiseman was born Sept. 28, 1926, in Noble County to Abie and Vera (Surfus) Stump.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Phil Herrick of Warsaw and Vickie and John Wyatt of Columbia City; three grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, D.J. Boggs.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw with Pastor Wanda Carter officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery in Wilmot.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581 or Warsaw Wesleyan Church, 2402 Old U.S. 30 West, Warsaw, IN 46582.

Marion Tucker Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Marion A. Tucker Sr., 57, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Tucker was employed as a janitor at Victoria Homes in Middlebury. He was a member of the Ontario Baptist Church in Ontario, Ind.

He was born Oct. 23, 1947, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his mother, Hazel Sample of Kendallville; six sons and two daughters-in-law, Charles and Darinda Tucker of Butler, Marion Tucker Jr., and Joselyn Tucker of Auburn, James Woodworth of Kentucky, Dalton Wayne Ritchie of Rome City, Dale Ritchie of Kentucky and Carey Tucker of Butler; six daughters and a son-in-law, Tonycka Shephard of Kentucky, Tammy Wayer of Michigan, Tonya Woodworth of Michigan, Jessica D. Treesh of Auburn, Jan Wagner of LaGrange and Jennifer and Ellis Ritchie of Kendallville; seven brothers, Donald Tucker, Randy Tucker and Dawson Tucker, all of Indiana, Dowine Tucker of Rome City, Gary Tucker of Corunna, Dustin Tucker of Garrett and Richard Tucker of Kendallville; three sisters, Lavanche Knight of Fort Wayne, Trisha Kelly of Wolcottville and Coleen Vanschoyck of Kentucky; a friend, Stan Myers of LaGrange, 33 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jessie Tucker; a sister, Rella Tucker; and two grandchildren, Timothy Tucker and Logan Tucker.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Ontario Baptist Church, Ontario, with Pastor Dale Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Donald Martz

CORUNNA — Area businessman and developer Donald E. Martz of Corunna died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at his home.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church, 0389 C.R. 12, Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements. A full obituary will be published in Wednesday's edition.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Emma Fann

ELKHART — Emma Lucille Fann, 76, of Elkhart died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at Woodland Manor in Elkhart where she had resided since 1987.

Mrs. Fann had lived most of her life in the Goshen area and had worked at Acurra Pac in Elkhart on the assembly line. She had also been a waitress.

She had attended Cromwell High School.

Mrs. Fann was born July 23, 1928, in Cromwell to Joseph E. and Anna Mae (McDonald) Heintzelman.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Tennant of Shipshewana; a sister, Mildred Heintzelman of Fort Myers, Fla.; three brothers, Harvey Heintzelman of Ligonier, Joe Heintzelman of Ligonier and Harold Heintzelman of New Haven.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen, with the Rev. Vernon E. Bontreger officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be one hour before services Wednesday.

Condolences may be sent to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

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Roseanna Chupp

MIDDLEBURY — Roseanna J. Chupp, 54, of Middlebury died unexpectedly at 4:38 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at Goshen General Hospital.

Ms. Chupp had lived in the area since she was 9 years old.

She had been employed as a seamstress at Jayco Inc. for 25 years.

Ms. Chupp was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Oct. 14, 1950, in Kalona, Iowa, to Jonathan A. and Clara (Miller) Yoder. Her mother survives in Millersburg.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Elaine and Leonard Troyer of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, Nelson Eugene and Lisa Fern Chupp of White Pigeon, Mich., and Wayne Eldon and Darci Chupp of Howe, a daughter-in-law, Carolyn Chupp of Howe: a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Fern and Stephen Schwartz of Weld, Maine; four brothers and four sisters-in-law, Jerry J. and Rosemary Yoder of Wolcottville, Daniel J. and Susie Yoder of Topeka, Jonnie J. and Betty Yoder of Norwood, Mo., and Raymond J. and Marlene Yoder of Millersburg; 15 grandchildren; and the father of her children, Omer Eugene Chupp of Three Rivers, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her father on May 10, 2001, and a niece, Angela Joy Schwartz.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Clarence Wingard residence at 10104 C.R. 16, Middlebury, with Bishop Ernest W. Yoder and the Rev. Ray Troyer officiating. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be after noon today at the Norman Lehman residence at 11401 C.R. 16, Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Reynolds

ROME CITY — Richard L. "Dick" Reynolds, 91, of Rome City died at 10:41 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, in the emergency room at LaGrange Community Hospital. He had been in failing health for two years.

Mr. Reynolds had resided at LifeCare Center of LaGrange since September 2004. Prior to that, he had lived in Rome City and then Fort Pierce, Fla., for 12 years.

He and his brother and sister-in-law, Hugh Sr. and Mercedes Reynolds, founded West Lakes Marine in Rome City in 1960.

Mr. Reynolds was a veteran of the Army Air Force during World War II.

He was born June 14, 1913, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Rolland and Rosenelle (Custer) Reynolds.

Surviving are a brother, Ralph Reed of Elkhart; a nephew and his wife, Bill and Lynn Reynolds of Rome City; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert Reynolds, Hugh Reynolds Sr., and Walter Reynolds.

Services were today at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with the Rev. Gary Stees officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Rome City with Bill Reynolds, Bryan Reynolds, David Reynolds, Justin Reynolds, Terry Moore and Jim Dodane serving as pallbearers.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct a reporter's error.*

Ina Knecht

ANGOLA — Ina M. Knecht, 76, of Angola died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at home.

Mrs. Knecht

Mrs. Knecht was born June 1, 1928, in Montpelier, Ohio to Harvey and Millie (Schelgel) Harrington. She was married to Richard Knecht on Aug. 27, 1949, in Bellefontaine, Ohio. He survives.

She was a 50-year member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola. She was a member and past president of the Psi Iota Xi Sorority of Angola. She was a volunteer for the Red Cross and Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

Also surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Gay Ann and James Berlien of Fort Wayne, Cathy Knecht of South Bend, Rhonda Banta of Goshen and Amy Knecht of Winter Haven, Fla.; three brothers, Ralph Harrington of Greenville, Mich., Gerald "Scorch" Harrington of Montpelier and Michael Harrington of Denver; two sisters, Connie Lamberson of Montpelier and Merrie Harrington of Cincinnati, Ohio; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1300 N. Williams St., Angola, with the Rev. Thomas A. Herbon of Goshen and the Rev. Amy Beitelschees-Albers of Calvary Lutheran Church officiating.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church or Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

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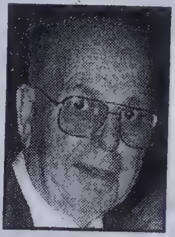
James Wisner

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — James A. Wisner, 75, of Sheridan, Wyo., died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, in the VA Medical Center at Sheridan.


Mr. Wisner

He was born Nov. 4, 1929, in Metz to Liston and Luella (Porter) Wisner.

Mr. Wisner grew up and graduated from high school in Metz. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the military police.

After his service, he returned to Indiana, where he was a police officer in Angola until he retired after 22 years. He then worked as a probation officer until retiring and moving to Sheridan in 1992.

He also worked part-time at Weicht Funeral Home for many years.

Mr. Wisner was a member of Odd Fellows, the American Legion, Moose Lodge and the Fraternal Order of Police.

He was an active member of Calvary Lutheran Ghurch in Angola and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheridan. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and bowling.

He married Norma French on April 16, 1954, in Angola. She survives in Sheridan.

Also surviving are a son, Stephen French of Aurora, Colo.; two daughters, Linda Prosser-Livingston of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Julie Adams of Sheridan; brother, Richard Wisner of Auburn; a sister, Glida Wisner of South Bend; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Alana Penland; two brothers; a sister; and a grandson.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Ronald Nelson and the Rev. Wilbur Holz officiating. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery, with military rites by the American Legion and Wyoming National Guard.

Champion Ferries Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the James Wisner Memorial Fund, in care of Nancy Lohse, U.S. Bank, 203 S. Main St., Sheridan, WY 82801

R. Barry Wall

ANGOLA — R. Barry Wall, 49, of Angola died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, in Angola.

Mr. Wall

Mr. Wall was born Sept. 9, 1955, in Charlotte, N.C., to Ralph and Jean (Quinn) Wall.

He was a mortgage consultant at Summit City Mortgage. He was also a former employee of Meridian Automotive. He was a former employee of Metal Spinners in Angola. He was a groundskeeper at Cornerstone Family Church in Angola, where he was an active member.

Surviving are a daughter, Emily R. Wall of Fort Wayne; two sons, Benjamin G. Wall and Nathan J. Wall, both of Angola; and his former wife, Amy L. Wall of Angola.

Services will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Cornerstone Family Church, with the Rev. Dennis Carey officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Mr. Wall's children.

Doris Kill

PLEASANT LAKE — Doris C. Kill, 61, of Pleasant Lake and formerly of Blakeslee, Ohio, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at home after being ill for several months.

Mrs. Kill was born Aug. 26, 1943, in Champagne County, Ohio, to Norman H. and Emily N. (Shaffer) Overs. She married Leroy Kill on Jan. 27, 1962, in Wapakoneta, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Tina and Bill Barnthouse of Angola and Laura and Donald Leaders of Hillsdale, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark and Petra Kill of Sewell, N.J., and David Kill of Edgerton, Ohio; her mother, Emily Overs of Kenton, Ohio; eight brothers and sisters and their spouses, Katherine and Ned Davis of Wapakoneta, Ohio, Jeannie Culp of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, Roger and Jodi Overs, Bob and Rose Overs, Bill and Linda Overs and Joe and Glenda Overs, all of Roundhead, Ohio, Paul and Karla Overs of Russells Point, Ohio, and Dorothy and Hobart Harrison of Columbus, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Thelma Wilkins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with the Rev. Eric Dailey officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Edon Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences can be left online at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Victor Emerick

STURGIS, Mich. — Victor Allen Emerick, 57, of Sturgis, Mich., died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, in Three Rivers, Mich.

Mr. Emerick

A native of Kendallville, he had been a Sturgis resident for most of his life.

Mr. Emerick had been employed as a machinist at Flowserve in Kalamazoo, Mich., and had worked as a machinist at Sutton Tool for more than 20 years.

He was a member of the Sturgis Eagles. He was very active in UAW Local 382 and was its past president. He enjoyed country line dancing, fishing, and playing golf.

He was born April 28, 1947, in Kendallville to Ernest R. and Delores (Shultz) Emerick. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Auburn.

On April 17, 1976, in Sturgis, he married Pamela Ferguson She preceded him in death on Jan. 30, 1997.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law: Ernest and Lori Emerick of Sturgis, Larry Emerick of Sturgis and Adam Emerick of Luray, Va.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jayna Emerick of Sturgis and Angie and James Sienkowski of Sturgis; 11 grandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Judy and Jim Lowe of Blythe, Calif., and Sally and Eugene Kessler of Auburn; and three brothers and sisters-in-law Thomas and Rita Emerick, Russell and Marjorie Emerick and Robert and Beverly Emerick, all of Auburn.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home, 807 E. Chicago Road, Sturgis. Pastors Brian Vanosdol and Mark Denney of the LaGrange Church of God will officiate. Interment will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Esther Kessler

AUBURN — Esther Kessler, 81, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at 6:45 p.m. at Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Kessler was a homemaker and a devoted wife and mother. She had worked at Kraft in Kendallville for 10 years.

She was a member of the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She married Arthur Leon Kessler on Feb. 12, 1945, in North Carolina, where he was stationed. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Dianne (Kessler) and Larry Brand of Ashley and Bev (Kessler) and Matt Murray of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Leslie Kessler of Hopkinsville, Ky., and Robert and Sandy Kessler of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jean Frazie.

She was preceded in death by a son, Phillip, and two sisters, Mowitza Campbell and Grace Flynn.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Calvary Chapel Worship Center, C.R. 427, Auburn.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center.

James Pizana

WATERLOO — James "Tiny" Pizana, 53, of Waterloo died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pizana worked as a welder at Dexter Axle in Fremont for 13 years.

He was a member of Agape Assembly of God in Waterloo and was very proud of his Cherokee Indian heritage.

He was born Dec. 24, 1951, in Fort Wayne to Francisco and Betty (Branning) Pizana. They preceded him in death.

He married Debra F. Maugherman on Oct. 7, 1977, in Waterloo and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffery Allan Pizana of Waterloo; two daughters, Rebecca A. Pizana of Waterloo and Rachel N. Pizana of Waterloo; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Mona and Doug Gains of Fort Wayne, Brenda and David Fletcher of Fort Wayne, Carol Wilcoxen of New Haven, Dawn and Steve Brown of New Haven and Kris Nicolett of New Haven; and a granddaughter, Deseraye Pizana.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Brent "Boo" Pizana.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Donald Martz

CORUNNA — Donald E. Martz, 76, of rural Corunna died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at 10:25 p.m. in the same home where he was born on March 27, 1928, to Phillip and Olga (Blech) Martz.

Mr. Martz was a lifetime farmer and spent some time in construction. He was a businessman and housing developer.

A lifetime member of Zion Lutheran Church in rural Corunna, he served as chairman of the congregation and an elder.

He graduated in 1946 from Ashley High School, where he played basketball for the Aces. He attended Manchester College for two years.

He graduated in 1953 from Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., and served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army in Korea. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 at Kendallville.

He married Virginia Carolyn McNair on Jan. 15, 1955, in Heidelberg, Germany. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Linda Martz of Corunna; four daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Mark Ferrebee of Edgerton, Ohio, Michelle and Jimmy Phillips of Corunna, Lori and Ronald Grate of Corunna and Marjorie and Mike Westphal of Bourbonnais, Ill.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Phyllis Schuller of Corunna and Dortha and Tilson King of Auburn; 15 grandchildren, Rachel Schermerhorn, Nickolas Martz, Tyler Martz, Mariah Martz, Nichole Lako, Rebekkah Ferrebee, Jacob Ferrebee, Jarrod Phillips, Rose Phillips, Shannon Comment, Ryan Grate, Elizabeth Grate, Timothy Smith, Rebecca Coath and Dr. Steven Westphal; and three great-grandchildren, Madison and Natalea Comment and Grant Schermerhorn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Edgar; and a brother-in-law, Walter Schuller.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church, 0389 C.R. 12, Corunna. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church, Noble County Hospice or the Concordia Theological Seminary Adopt a Student Program.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Billy Schnetzler

ANGOLA — Billy Schnetzler, 52, a lifelong Angola resident, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schnetzler was born Jan. 25, 1952, in Angola to Earl and Helen (Wyatt) Schnetzler. He was married to Lee Ann Austin Schnetzler, and she survives.

He was employed by Metal Spinners and G & G Metal Spinners, both in Angola. He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

Also surviving are a son, Billy Schnetzler Jr. of Three Rivers, Mich.; two stepsons, Kevin Engle of Angola and Kristopher Engle of Edgerton, Ohio; a daughter, Amanda Schnetzler of Angola; a brother, Terry Schnetzler of Angola; two sisters, Sharon Pristas of Bryan, Ohio, and Cindy Hamilton of Denton, Texas; and five grandchildren, Christian, Mackenzi, Hunter, Billy Brady and Christopher.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Kenny Butz officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Carter Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the family care of Lee Ann Schnetzler.

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Carl Raney

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. — Carl Samuel Raney, 74, of Morehead City, N.C., died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at home.

Mr. Raney was born in Fort Wayne to Samuel and Emma (Robertson) Raney. He was raised in Angola.

He entered the U.S. Navy in 1948 and served until 1951. He retired from the Coca-Cola Corp. as a regional manager after over 40 years of employment.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Raney; three daughters and sons-in-law, Carla Raney and Jeffrey Ross of Silver Spring, Md., Elizabeth and James Ireton of Westborough, Mass., and Joanna and Malcom Nightingale of Charlotte, N.C.; his father, Samuel M. Raney of Versailles; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Carolyn and Robert Galyean of Richmond, Doris and Bud Kurtz of Angola and Barbara and Bill Kemp of Versailles; and four grandchildren, Emma Ross, Jennifer and Jordan Ireton and Brandon Nightingale.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Morehead City, with the Rev. John B. Pollock officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. at Brooks Funeral Home, Morehead City.

Memorials are to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2005 Arendell St., Morehead City, NC 28557.

Condolences can be e-mailed to brooksfuneralhome@earthlink.net.

Lucille Holsinger

HUDSON — Lucille O. Holsinger, 95, of Hudson died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition of this newspaper.

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Fredona Wiseman

WINONA LAKE — Fredona Wiseman, 78, of Winona Lake died at 7:35 p.m. Sunday. She had been a resident of Grace Village Retirement Center and Miller's Assisted Living in Warsaw.

Mrs. Wiseman retired in 1987 as a pin grinder at Zimmer.

She was a 1945 graduate of Wolf Lake High School and a 1946 graduate of International Business College in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wiseman was active in the Warsaw Wesleyan Church where she served as a greeter and had volunteered at KCH for many years.

She had delivered Mobile Meals and was a member of 8 Square Extension Homemakers Club. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, gardening and growing flowers.

Mrs. Wiseman was born Sept. 28, 1926, in Noble County to Abie and Vera (Surfus) Stump.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Phil Herrick of Warsaw and Vickie and John Wyatt of Columbia City; three grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, D.J. Boggs.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw with Pastor Wanda Carter officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery in Wilmot.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581 or Warsaw Wesleyan Church, 2402 Old U.S. 30 West, Warsaw, IN 46582.

Irma L. Bouillon

Irma L. Bouillion, 77, of Fort Wayne, died at 9:29 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at Miller's Merry Mannor. She was born April 29, 1927, in Payne, Ohio, to Ralph and Ruby (Gibbons) Miller.

She worked at Atz' Restaurant for eight years as a cook.

Surviving are sons, Tony Bouillon and Tim Bouillon, both of Fort Wayne; daughters, Diane Kendall of Lexington, N.C., Donna Clark of Albion, Christina Underwood of Huntington, and Darla Nahrwold of Fort Wayne; sisters, Marianne Case and Lucille Larimore, both of Payne, Loretta Etzler of Springfield, Ohio, and Barb Rolings of Florida; 20 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant son, Charles Bouillon.

Services were 2 p.m. Wednesday at Payne Church of the Nazarene, Payne, Ohio, Pastor Michael Harper officiating.

Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Norman Egolf

CHURUBUSCO — Norman Egolf, 87, of rural Churubusco died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at his residence.

He was a Smith Township farmer most of his adult life.

He was born Oct. 28, 1917, in Fort Wayne to Paul and Alta (Hawk) Egolf. He was a 1936 graduate of Churubusco High School.

On June 10, 1939, in Goshen, he married Inabelle Veazey.

He was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church and Whitley County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and David Solomon of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert A. and Lois Egolf of Churubusco; one brother, Roger Egolf of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Bea Leitch of Churubusco and Phyllis Miller of Columbia City; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery, rural Churubusco.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Kenneth Trittipo

KIMMELL — Kenneth W. Trittipo, 83, of Kimmell died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at his home.

He had been a machine operator at Sorg's in Ligonier.

He was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 243 and Ligonier Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed working in his yard, fishing and working on cars.

Mr. Trittipo was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II in which he drove tanks.

He was born Jan. 15, 1922, in Ligonier to Arthur E. and Luella (Damey) Trittipo. He married Nedra Ball on May 13, 1948, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Elizabeth Dreibelbis; and four brothers, Donald, Glen, Robert and Herbert.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Kimmell United Methodist Church, the Rev. Rachel Bales-Case and the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial with military rites will be at Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Kimmell United Methodist Church.

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Ralph Wilson

GOSHEN — Ralph J. Wilson, 61, of Goshen died at 12:23 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Wilson was retired from Atwood Mobile Products Inc. in Elkhart. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and was discharged in 1995.

He was a member of Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church.

Mr. Wilson was a lifetime member of DAV and the VFW in Goshen and the Citizens Academy of the Goshen Police Department.

He was born on May 3, 1943, in Kendallville to Otho Lamont and Bermuda (Vaughn) Barkey. His mother survives in Topeka. On Aug. 25, 1962, in Kendallville, he married Mariana Cortez. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Grace and Dean Brubaker of Goshen, Christian and Edward Knuckles of Middlebury and Angela Good of Goshen; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark and Talishia Wilson and Michael Wilson, both of Goshen; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bertrand and Dorothy Barkey of Topeka and Earl and Sherry Wilson of Albion; a sister, Beverly Barkey of Topeka; a half sister, Dixie, of Illinois; a half brother, John Barkey of Illinois; and 15 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Brian K. Wilson; a half brother, Jim Wyatt; and his adopted mother, Cordice J. Wilson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen. Burial will be in West Goshen Cemetery in Goshen.

Memorials are to Hospice of Elkhart County.

Condolences may be sent online to www.rrefh.com.

Anita Sloffer

AVILLA — Anita Lee (DeVeny) Sloffer, 59, of Avilla died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, at her home at LaVerna Terrace in Avilla.

Mrs. Sloffer had worked for Kendallville veterinarian Dr. Drexel Hull and his wife, Carol, at their animal clinic on S.R. 3 north of Kendallville. She was a volunteer for the Humane Society of Noble County and served as its treasurer for several years. She was actively involved in raising funds for the current facility.

She will be remembered for her talents including arranging dried flowers, knitting, crocheting, sewing, cooking and gardening. She was a devoted mother and grandmother.

She was born Oct. 25, 1945, in Kendallville to Russell Guy DeVeny and Ottilee Juliene (Hall) Minnick. Her family lived in Garrett for several years, and she attended Will Franks School there. In 1955 they moved to Huntertown. She was a cheerleader at Huntertown High School for four years, graduating from there in 1963.

Surviving are a daughter, Tina Marie Munn of Coralville, Iowa; a son and daughter-in-law, Neal Andrew and Amy Marie Sloffer of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn Ann and Ralph DePaolo of Garrett; a niece, Andrea Marie LaComb of Flower Mound, Texas; two aunts, Marjory DeVeny of Lancaster, Calif., and Imogene Kronmueller of Garrett; and three grandchildren, Abigail Marie Sloffer, Zachary Russell Sloffer and Mackenzie Arlee Sloffer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a son, Brett Russell Sloffer on Nov. 3, 1987.

Private arrangements are by Advantage Funeral and Cremation Services in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to an animal shelter of the donor's choice.

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Betty M. Phillips

Betty M. Phillips, 75, of Columbia City, died at 7:03 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005 in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital. She had been a resident at The Oaks Living Center since March 2004.

Born on Sept. 22, 1929 in Whitley County, she was a daughter of John and Etta (Rosenogle) McCullough. Her formative years were spent in Churubusco, where she graduated from Churubusco High School.

Mrs. Phillips attended Columbia City Church of the Nazarene.

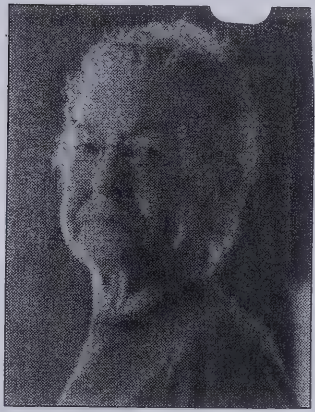
In 1965 she moved to Columbia City and was employed at Blue Bell and then Dana Weatherhead for 23 years.

Surviving relatives include four daughters, Cynthia Gerardot of Fort Wayne, Deborah (Kenneth) Adams, Kathy (Randy) Crawford, and Charlene (Thomas) Civiletto, all of Columbia City; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Thomas Eugene McCullough of Albion and David McCullough of Columbia City, and two sisters, Virginia Bair of Cromwell and Grace Ellen Crabill of Churubusco.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Gerald McCullough, Max McCullough and Roy McCullough; and a sister, Geraldine Weeks.

The funeral service were at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Thomas Beers, of Columbia City Church of the Nazareneofficiating. Burial was at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Columbia City Church of the Nazarene, Erin's House or American Lung Association.



Charlene Rodman

COLUMBIA CITY — Charlene Jane Rodman, 64, of Columbia City, died at 1:18 a.m. Tuesday, January 18, 2005, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She was born in Wolf Lake, Indiana on May 31, 1940 to Herman Ford and Wilma Marie (Smith) Keister. Her mother survives.

Mrs. Rodman graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1958. After graduation, she lived in Germany from 1958 through 1968. She married James L. Rodman on December 12, 1970 in Clintonwood, Virginia. He survives in Columbia City.

Her adult life was spent in Indiana the towns of Bourbon, Claypool, Warsaw, Rochester and Columbia City. She was a homemaker and did babysitting for many years. She was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Warsaw. She also was a Den Mother for the Boy Scouts in Kosciusko County.

Surviving in addition to her husband and mother are are two sons, Lee Alan Rodman and James R. Lee Rodman, both of Columbia City; a daughter, Tina Lee (Terry) Johnson of Merrillville, Indiana; a brother and sister-in-law, Laurel H. and Clara Keister of Wolf Lake; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services were Friday, January 21, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Reverend John Cummings, Community Bible Church, Columbia City, officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Visiting Nurse and Hospice.

Paul D. Young

KIMMELL — Paul D. Young, 74, of rural Kimmell died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, at his Smalley Lake home.

He had retired from Smoker Craft Co. in New Paris where he was a line foreman and later a repairman. Previously he had worked in Dayton, Ohio, Detroit, and at Sea Nymph Boat Co. in Syracuse.

He had lived at Smalley Lake since 1985.

He married Deborah E. Ellison on Feb. 21, 1987. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul "Steve" Young and Ronnie S. Young, both of Greenville, Ohio; three daughters, Carolyn Hoskins of Dayton, Diane Gilliot and her husband, Bernard, of Greenville, Ohio, and Kayla L. Young, at home; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a brother, John Samuel Young of California; and two sisters, Mae Sutter of Greenville, Ohio, and Rheba Chambers of Muncie.

Preceding him in death were a son, Roy Lee Young; a brother, Stan Young; and sisters Zitta Kennedy, Wilma Sutter, Arlena Stocker and Ceila Franklin.

Services were held Monday, January 24, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Robert Kimmell of New Hope Baptist Church officiating. Burial was at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

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Longtime Kendallville jeweler Guy Swartzlander dies at 83

KENDALLVILLE — Former Kendallville jeweler Guy E. Swartzlander, 83, of Kendallville died at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Swartzlander was a registered watchmaker and certified gemologist and operated Swartzlander Jewelry, a family business located in downtown Kendallville from 1925-1991. He was associated with the business for 51 years.

He also had been a salesman for A.R. Jester Co. of Cincinnati specializing in Black Hills gold.

He was a lifetime area resident and 1940 graduate of Kendallville High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

In 1938, Mr. Swartzlander became the youngest person to be certified by the American Gem Society. He was also a member of the Indiana Jewelers and had served as president of the organization in 1978.

He had served as president of First Federal Savings & Loan for several years. He was a member of the Rotary Club, American Legion Post 86 and had served as president of the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Swartzlander was past president of the Gene Stratton-Porter Historical Society.

Mr. Swartzlander

He was instrumental in building the Carriage House Visitors Center at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site on Sylvan Lake.

He was a 73-year member of Trinity Church United Methodist and had served on many boards at the church.

Mr. Swartzlander was born Nov. 30, 1921, in Wolcottville to Guy R. and Mabel (McKevitt) Swartzlander. On Feb. 20, 1949, in Wolcottville, he married Ima June Rose. She died July 14, 1984. On Nov. 9, 1985, in Kendallville, he married Martha Schwab McKibben. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Guy James and Tawna Swartzlander of Kendallville, Carey and Kim McKibben of LaGrange and Jim McKibben and his partner, Jonathan Jacobson, of New York, N.Y.; two daughters, Barbara June and Sheldon Kaye of Scarborough, Maine, and Janet and Steve Barnett of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Lindy and Jonathan Savoie, Abby Swartzlander, Chris Barnett, Brian and Adrienne Barnett, Alyssa Barnett, Scott McKibben, Lauren McKibben and Nicole McKibben; and two great-grandchildren, Drake Williams and Andrew Walker Barnett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Gene Stratton-Porter Historical Society or to Trinity Church United Methodist.

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Kendallville mourns loss of jeweler Swartzlander

BY DENNIS NARTKER

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KENDALLVILLE — Longtime downtown Kendallville jeweler and Gene Stratton-Porter devotee Guy Swartzlander, 83, died Wednesday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Swartzlander

He was a registered watchmaker, certified gemologist and operated Swartzlander Jewelry, a family business in downtown Kendallville, from 1925 to 1991.

Mr. Swartzlander was past president of the Gene Stratton-Porter Historical Society, and instrumental in building the Carriage House Visitors Center at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site on Sylvan Lake in Rome City.

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The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, and former associate pastor at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville where Swartzlander attended, described Mr. Swartzlander as a "great guy."

Mr. Swartzlander, a 73-year member of the church, helped archive the church's history. "He was a great supporter of the church in every way and had a great recall of what happened in the past," said Barker.

Margie Sweeney, formerly of Kendallville, who worked with Mr. Swartzlander and his wife, Martha, on Gene Stratton-Porter Historical Society activities for 17 years, called her friend "a wonderful man."

She recalled this morning how he supervised the construction of the Carriage House Visitors Center at the historic site and how the Swartzlanders traveled with her throughout northeast Indiana presenting programs about Gene Stratton-Porter.

"He was a terrific president of the society and a devoted Gene Stratton-Porter fan," she said.

Former downtown business owner Ken Stark remembers Mr. Swartzlander as a good businessman. "He was honest and very loyal to the city," said Stark. "He was a kind, gentle man, and he had good sense of humor."

Lucille Holsinger

HUDSON — Lucille O. Holsinger, 95, of Hudson died Monday, Jan. 25, 2005.

Mrs. Holsinger was born in Noble County on June 10, 1909, to William and Luella (Howe) Hanes. She married Walter E. Holsinger on Sept. 1, 1928, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 23, 1984.

She was self-employed as a painter and decorator. She was a member of Helmer United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Harold Smith of Hudson; three grandchildren and their spouses, Roger and Deb Smith and Rory and Lila Smith, all of Hudson, and Rick Smith of Pensacola, Fla.; eight great-grandchildren, Michael, Matthew, Kyle and Brandon Smith, Lisa Wise, Julie Szapkew, Carla Betcke and Danielle Smith; and six great-great-grandchildren, Trevor and Tyler Szapkew, Zeb Wise, Brittany Parr and Madison and Macy Betcke.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Helmer United Methodist Church or DeKalb County Home Health Care.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information about surviving relatives.*

Marion Tucker Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Marion A. Tucker Sr., 57, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Tucker was employed as a janitor at Victoria Homes in Middlebury. He was a member of the Ontario Baptist Church in Ontario, Ind.

He was born Oct. 23, 1947, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his mother, Hazel Sample of Kendallville; seven sons and three daughters-in-law, Charles and Darinda Tucker of Butler, Marion Tucker, Jr., and Joselyn Tucker of Auburn, James Woodworth of Kentucky, Dalton Wayne and Melinda Ritchie of Rome City, Dale Ritchie of Kentucky, Carey Tucker of Butler and Trampes Ritchie of Michigan; seven daughters and three sons-in-law, Tonycka and Bo Shephard of Kentucky, Tammy and Gray Wayer of Michigan, Tonya Woodworth of Michigan, Jessica D. Treesh of Auburn, Jan Wagner of LaGrange, Jennifer and Ellis Ritchie of Kendallville and Tresha Kelley; seven brothers, Donald Tucker, Randy Tucker and Dawson Tucker, all of Indiana, Dowine Tucker of Rome City, Gary Tucker of Corunna, Dustin Tucker of Garrett and Richard Tucker of Kendallville; three sisters, Lavanche Knight of Fort Wayne, Trisha Kelly of Wolcottville and Coleen Vanschoyck of Kentucky; a friend, Stan Myers of LaGrange; 33 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jessie Tucker; a sister, Rella Tucker; and two grandchildren, Timothy Tucker and Logan Tucker.

Services were Wednesday at Ontario Baptist Church, Ontario, with Pastor Dale Hicks officiating. Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery at Wolcottville.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, handled arrangements.

Lois Daugherty

PLEASANT LAKE — Lois Arlene Daugherty, 85, of Pleasant Lake died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Daugherty was born Dec. 2, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Irving R. and Frieda (Schmidt) King. She was married to George Daugherty on April 18, 1942, in New Orleans, and he preceded her in death on April 8, 1993.

She was the owner and operator of a dry cleaning business in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Angola Women of the Moose.

Surviving are a friend, Carl Zimmerman of Pleasant Lake; a cousin, Toots Pence of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Donald R. King.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian Carsten officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

John Young

WARSAW — John A. Young, 64, of Warsaw died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Mr. Young had been service manager at Bruce Petro GM-O'Daniel Oldsmobile for 14 years and had managed Northside Auto from 2001 until his retirement in 2003.

He served on the advisory board for Motor Magazine and Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the National Rifle Association.

He was born April 2, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Jefferson and Mildred (Bright) Young. On Oct. 13, 1973, in Fort Wayne, he married Carolyn Prince Sautter. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Angie and Jeff Shaw of Warsaw; a son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Holly Sautter of Warsaw; two brothers, Jim Young of Bend, Ore., and Bob Young of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Warsaw with Pastor Tom Julian officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kosciusko Cancer Care Fund, P.O. Box 1809, Warsaw, IN 46582-1809.

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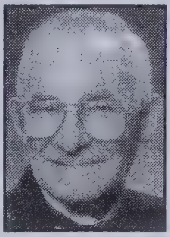
JANUARY 27 2005 Kendallville, Indiana

Donald Szeman

ANGOLA — Donald Andrew Szeman, 68, of Angola died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, at home.


Mr. Szeman

Mr. Szeman was born in DeKalb County on Jan. 24, 1937, to Andrew and Martha (Miller) Szeman. He married Dale Sweet on Dec. 27, 1975, and she survives.

He was retired from the Indiana National Guard Reserves. He was employed by the Angola Lumber Co. for 30 years, Fremont Lumber Co. for six years, and Rural King in Angola.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, the Fremont Moose Lodge and the National Rifle Association.

Also surviving are his mother, Martha Szeman of Hamilton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald A. and Rene Szeman II of Waterloo and Michael and Sharon Szeman of Mount Pleasant, Mich.; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Sheila and Mark Elkins of Hamilton, Jayne and Tom Gushwa of Middlebury, Karen Teegardin of Butler, Lois and Lloyd Hatton of Garrett and Lori and Chuck Mosley of Spencerville; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, John and Jody Leslie of Kendallville and Jeff Leslie of Waterloo; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Kelly Ritter of Auburn and Kristine and Eric Swenson of Pflugerville, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Philip and Rebecca Szeman of Hamilton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sue and Kenneth Woman of Lanexa, Va., and Teresa and Tony Congleton of Hicksville, Ohio; 27 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Irene Fee and Mary Szeman; and two grandchildren, James and Ayla Szeman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family care of Dale Szeman.

Frances Clifton

FORT WAYNE — Frances L. Clifton, 77, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at Covington Manor Nursing Center.

She had been a cashier at Keltsch Pharmacy for 14 years, retiring in 1988.

She was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church and Order of the Eastern Star 514.

Surviving are her husband, Glen of Fort Wayne; a son, Gary Clifton of Spencerville; two daughters, Cheryle Waddell of Fort Wayne and Susan Bedrio of Skokie, Ill.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ruth Myers of Ft. Jennings, Ohio.

Preceding her in death were a son, Miles Clifton; a grandson; and two brothers, Harold and Robert Parsons.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Parkinson's Foundation or Grace Presbyterian Church.

William Baker Jr.

LAGRANGE — William F. Baker Jr., 62, of LaGrange died at 11:37 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Baker was a machinist for Superior Linkage in New Haven until he retired due to health reasons.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of American Legion Post 215 in LaGrange.

He was born Oct. 2, 1942, in Huntington to William F. Sr. and Mae (Green) Baker. On Aug. 17, 1971, in Fort Wayne, he married Gail Emrick. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Ron Roberts of Fort Wayne; a sister, Kathy Baker of Huntington; and three grandchildren, Sarah, Mike and Jon Roberts, all of Fort Wayne.

There are no services scheduled.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Cloha Glaser

SYRACUSE — Cloha M. Glaser, 73, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Glaser had spent her lifetime in Noble and Kosciusko counties.

Mrs. Glaser

She was a homemaker and member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Glaser had served on the Ligonier Public Library board of directors and was a poll worker in Noble County. She was a member of Kappa Sigma Tau Sorority and the Lady Elks.

She was an avid reader and especially enjoyed historical books. She enjoyed cooking, traveling and entertaining her family and friends.

Mrs. Glaser was born Feb. 12, 1931, in Ligonier to John and Alice M. (Adair) Kettlebar. On Aug. 16, 1950, in Ligonier, she married Joe Glaser. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Joe Glaser of Syracuse; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marcia and Larry Yoder of Ligonier, Carol and Steve Reed of South Whitley and Heidi Johnson of Syracuse; a brother, Tom Kettlebar of Joppa, Md.; three sisters, Wanda Wiley of Columbia City, Mildred Kettlebar of Ligonier and Mary Alice Rex of Port Royal, S.C.; and 12 grandchildren, Joe Glaser of Ligonier, Tracey Yoder Edmunson of Eugene, Ore., Trista Yoder of Indianapolis, Bradley Yoder of Indianapolis, Jolene, Tony and Todd Reed, all of South Whitley, J.J. Johnson of Muncie and Jeremy, Jordan, Jared and Jed Johnson, all of Syracuse.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Clair Hochsteter officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Wednesday, Feb. 2, from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospital Foundation, Ligonier Public Library or charity of the donor's choice.

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Donald Martz

CORUNNA — Donald E. Martz, 76, of rural Corunna died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at 10:25 p.m. in the same home where he was born on March 27, 1928, to Phillip and Olga (Blech) Martz.

Mr. Martz was a lifetime farmer and spent some time in construction. He was a businessman and housing developer, and built the Cadillac subdivision in Ligonier.

A lifetime member of Zion Lutheran Church in rural Corunna, he served as chairman of the congregation and an elder.

He graduated in 1946 from Ashley High School, where he played basketball for the Aces. He attended Manchester College for two years.

He graduated in 1953 from Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., and served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army in Korea. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 at Kendallville.

He married Virginia Carolyn McNair on Jan. 15, 1955, in Heidelberg, Germany. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Linda Martz of Corunna; four daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Mark Ferrebee of Edgerton, Ohio, Michelle and Jimmy Phillips of Corunna, Lori and Ronald Grate of Corunna and Marjorie and Mike Westphal of Bourbonnais, ll.; two sisters and a brother-in-aw, Phyllis Schuller of Corunna and Dortha and Tilson King of Auburn; 15 grandchildren, Rachel Schermerhorn, Nickolas Martz, Tyler Martz, Mariah Martz, Nichole Lako, Rebekkah Ferrebee, Jacob errebee, Jarrod Phillips, Rose hillips, Shannon Comment, yan Grate, Elizabeth Grate, imothy Smith, Rebecca Coath nd Dr. Steven Westphal; and hree great-grandchildren, Madison and Natalea Comment nd Grant Schermerhorn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Edgar; and a brother-in-law, Walter Schuller.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church, 0389 C.R. 12, Corunna. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be today, Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church, Noble County Hospice or the Concordia Theological Seminary Adopt a Student Program.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Emma Fann

Emma Lucille Fann, 76, of Elkhart died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at Woodland Manor in Elkhart where she had resided since 1987.

Mrs. Fann had lived most of her life in the Goshen area and had worked at Acurra Pac in Elkhart on the assembly line. She had also been a waitress.

She had attended Cromwell High School.

Mrs. Fann was born July 23, 1928, in Cromwell to Joseph E. and Anna Mae (McDonald) Heintzelman.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Tennant of Shipshewana; a sister, Mildred Heintzelman of Fort Myers, Fla.; three brothers, Harvey Heintzelman of Ligonier, Joe Heintzelman of Ligonier and Harold Heintzelman of New Haven.

Services were Wednesday, January 26 at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, with the Rev. Vernon E. Bontreger officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling was one hour before services.

Condolences may be sent to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

Robert Roehm

Robert E. "Bob" Roehm, 76, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, in Winter Haven, Fla.

Mr. Roehm

He owned and operated Roehm Marine in Fort Wayne for 35 years.

Mr. Roehm was a board member of the Fort Wayne International Aviation Museum, a member of the Seaplane Pilots Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, EAA, the Back Forty Flying Club, American Legion Post 82, the Young Eagles, Baymer United Methodist Church in Winter Haven and an affiliate member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn (Parkison) Roehm of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert E. and Deb Roehm II of Markle; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Susan and David Junk of Winter Haven, Fla., Nancy and John Austin of Fort Wayne, Margaret Roehm of Fort Wayne, and Elizabeth and James Sanderson of Wawaka; a sister and brother-in-law, J. Carole and Richard Hill of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday, January 25 at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating.

Calling was on Monday, January 24 at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne, and Tuesday, January 25 at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or Visiting Nurse and Hospice.

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Elizabeth Moser

Elizabeth E. "Betty" Moser, 86, of rural Syracuse died at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mrs. Moser

Mrs. Moser had been a homemaker and had worked for a brief period at the former Wirk Garment Co. She had spent her entire life on the family farm where she was born.

She was a member of Richville United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, the Friendship Club and a former member of the Hex Rural Home Economics Club.

Mrs. Moser was well known for her home cooking and she loved to share her talents with her friends. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, gardening, farming and traveling. Her travels included fishing trips to Michigan and Wisconsin, and a trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

She was born March 10, 1918, in Benton Township in Elkhart County to LeRoy and Ethel (Wolf) Blue. They are deceased. On Oct. 30, 1937, in New Paris, she married Eugene V. Moser. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Maurice and Judy Moser of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Layton Pergrem of Syracuse; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, January 22 at Richville United Methodist Church with Dr. Thomas Wiegand officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with Marty, Matt, Mitch and Ben Moser, Rob Geiger-Pergrem and Chris Fuleki serving as pallbearers.

Calling was on Friday, January 21 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Richville United Methodist Church.

Kenneth Trittipo

Kenneth W. Trittipo, 83, of Kimmell died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at his home.

He had been a machine operator at Sorg's in Ligonier.

Mr. Trittipo

He was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 243 and Ligonier Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed working in his yard, fishing and working on cars.

Mr. Trittipo was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II in which he drove tanks.

He was born Jan. 15, 1922, in Ligonier to Arthur E. and Luella (Damey) Trittipo. He married Nedra Ball on May 13, 1948, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Elizabeth Dreibelbis; and four brothers, Donald, Glen, Robert and Herbert.

Services were on Monday, January 24 at Kimmell United Methodist Church, the Rev. Rachel Bales-Case and the Rev. Don Poyser officiating.

Burial with military rites were at Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling was on Sunday, January 23 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Masonic services followed.

Memorials are to Kimmell United Methodist Church.

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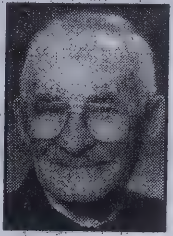
THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct an error and add information.*

Donald Szeman

ANGOLA — Donald Andrew Szeman, 68, of Angola died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, at home.



Mr. Szeman

Mr. Szeman was born in DeKalb County on Jan. 24, 1937, to Andrew and Martha (Miller) Szeman. He married Dale Sweet on Dec. 27, 1975, and she survives.

He was retired from the Indiana National Guard Reserves. He was employed by the Angola Lumber Co. for 30 years, Fremont Lumber Co. for six years, and Rural King in Angola.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, the Fremont Moose Lodge and the National Rifle Association.

Also surviving are his mother, Martha Szeman of Hamilton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald A. and Rene Szeman II of Waterloo and Michael and Sharon Szeman of Mount Pleasant, Mich.; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Sheila and Mark Elkins of Hamilton, Jayne and Tom Gushwa of Middlebury, Karen Teegardin of Butler, Lois and Lloyd Hatton of Garrett and Lori and Chuck Mosley of Spencerville; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, John and Jody Leslie of Kendallville and Jeff Leslie of Waterloo; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Kelly Ritter of Auburn and Kristine and Eric Swenson of Pflugerville, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Philip and Rebecca Szeman of Hamilton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sue and Kenneth Woman of Lanexa, Va., and Teresa and Tony Congleton of Hicksville, Ohio; 27 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Irene Fee and Mary Szeman, and two grandchildren, James and Ayla Szeman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorials are Masses to St. Anthony.

Former Newnam Foundry president John Milnor dies at 68

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — John Newnam Milnor, 68, of San Antonio, Texas, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, while vacationing in Florida.

Mr. Milnor had been president of Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, and when the foundry was purchased by Chromalloy Metal Tectonics of San Antonio, he moved to Texas, where he continued to work and manage multiple foundries.

He was born in Fort Wayne, where he graduated from South Side High School. He attended Indiana University and Bowling Green University and was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

He was an avid outdoorsman and hunter.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Cara Milnor; children Nicholas, Sarah and Daniel; a sister, Martha Richter of Lake Forest, Ill.; daughters-in-law Amy and Donna; and a grandson, Kody.

A memorial service will be at the Milnor home at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Ducks Unlimited.

Richard Reynolds

ROME CITY — Memorials for Richard L. "Dick" Reynolds, 91, of Rome City who died at 10:41 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, in the emergency room at LaGrange Community Hospital, are to the Orange Township Fire Department.

Mr. Reynolds had resided at LifeCare Center of LaGrange since September 2004. Prior to that, he had lived in Rome City and then Fort Pierce, Fla., for 12 years.

He and his brother and sister-in-law, Hugh Sr. and Mercedes Reynolds, founded West Lakes Marine in Rome City in 1960.

Services were Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

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Gloria Trueblood

FORT WAYNE — Gloria S. Trueblood, 72, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Trueblood was the assistant to the chief deputy prosecuting attorney for 18 years. She retired in 1994.

She was a member of the Wolcottville Lake Community Bible Study and the Waynedale Chapter 600 Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Trueblood was past president of the United Methodist Women and president of the Johnson Township Homemakers, a member of the Red Hat Society, Domino Club and Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

She was also secretary-treasurer of Naoimi Circle and president of the Community Club of Rome City.

Survivors include three sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael E. Pfeiffer and Mike and Cindy Trueblood, all of Fort Wayne, and Jeffrey Trueblood of Nappanee; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jayne A. Day of Fort Wayne and DiAnn and Jay Griffith of Shelbyville; a brother, Robert L. Smith of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George J. Trueblood; and three brothers, Richard, Vernon and John Smith.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 5-7 p.m. Saturday with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Carolyn Gilmour

PLEASANT LAKE — Carolyn Jean Gilmour, 53, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Gilmour

Mrs. Gilmour was born Oct. 9, 1951, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Raymond and Willa Jean (Richardson) Depue. She was engaged to be married to Larry L. Frick of Angola, and he survives.

She worked at Pent Products. She enjoyed collecting and shopping.

Also surviving are her mother, Willa Jean Depue of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Michelle Wolf of Kendallville; two brothers, Michael Raymond Depue of Angola and Hayward Kittle of Valparaiso; a sister, Corine Gail Denhart of Ottowa Lake, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Desaray A. Depue, whom she raised, and Johnathon Wolf.

She was preceded in death by her father; a brother, Johnny Kittle; and her stepfather, Hayward Kittle.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Wayne Mault

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wayne E. Mault, 83, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Mault had moved to the Wolcottville area in 1947 from Elkhart.

He had retired from Wolcottville Sand and Gravel Co. and Fidler Inc. in Wolcottville.

Mr. Mault was a member of Meridian Sun Lodge F&AM No. 76, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne and Mizpah Shrine Temple of Fort Wayne.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Mault was born April 13, 1921, in Elkhart County to Walter and Elma (Price) Mault. On June 29, 1943, in Kendallville he married Barbara Z. Hunter. She died Sept. 14, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and David West of Wolcottville; two sisters, Margaret DeLucenay of Middlebury and Ilene of Florida; three brothers, James Mault of Wawaka, John Mault of Wolcottville and Max Mault of Goshen; a grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, his stepfather, Jacob T. Miller; and two brothers, Richard and Robert Mault.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville with military graveside services by Rome City American Legion Post 381.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children or the LaGrange County Animal Shelter.

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Cloha Glaser

SYRACUSE — Cloha M. Glaser, 73, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Glaser

Mrs. Glaser had spent her lifetime in Noble and Kosciusko counties.

She was a homemaker and member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Glaser had served on the Ligonier Public Library board of directors and was a poll worker in Noble County. She was a member of Kappa Sigma Tau Sorority and the Lady Elks.

She was an avid reader and especially enjoyed historical books. She enjoyed cooking, traveling and entertaining her family and friends.

Mrs. Glaser was born Feb. 12, 1931, in Ligonier to John and Alice M. (Adair) Kettlebar. On Aug. 16, 1950, in Ligonier, she married Joe Glaser. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ben Glaser of Syracuse; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marcia and Larry Yoder of Ligonier, Carol and Steve Reed of South Whitley and Heidi Johnson of Syracuse; a brother, Tom Kettlebar of Joppa, Md.; three sisters, Wanda Wiley of Columbia City, Mildred Kettlebar of Ligonier and Mary Alice Rex of Port Royal, S.C.; and 12 grandchildren, Joe Glaser of Ligonier, Tracey Yoder Edmunson of Eugene, Ore., Trista Yoder of Indianapolis, Bradley Yoder of Indianapolis, Jolene, Tony and Todd Reed, all of South Whitley, J.J. Johnson of Muncie and Jeremy, Jordan, Jared and Jed Johnson, all of Syracuse.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Clair Hochstetter officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Wednesday, Feb. 2, from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospital Foundation, Ligonier Public Library or charity of the donor's choice.

Services Held

STROH — Services for the **Rev. Marvin Tuttle** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Charity United Baptist Church with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Todd Ward officiating. Burial was in Brushey Chapel Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mark Mahler, Ben Brown, Travis Moore, Steve Foley, Dick Stahly, Andy Handshoe and Mike Gosnell. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Bertha Strayer** were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Booher officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ryan VanWagner, Randy VanWagner, Kevin Strayer, Michael Clarke, Jeff Rabold and Larry Baker.

Andrew Mase Sr.

ORLAND — Andrew D. Mase Sr., 85, of Orland and formerly of Mesa, Ariz., died Friday, Jan. 28, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Mase was a retired farmer and employee at Weatherhead of Angola. He enjoyed living in Mesa, Ariz. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of Orland American Legion Post 423. He also was a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Mase was born June 4, 1919, in Paulding, Ohio, to Regnal Arthur and Laura (Schappell) Mase. They preceded him in death.

On June 16, 1946, in Bloomington, Del., he married Kathryn A. (Walker) Mase. She survives in Orland.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Melvin Shelburne of Orland and Barbara and Larry Alleshouse of Penrose, Colo.; three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Mary Mase of Pleasant Lake, Daniel and Vicky Mase of Bronson, Mich., and Andrew and Barbara Mase Jr. of Orland; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Margaret English, Mildred Waldo and Marian Warner, all of Fort Wayne.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, 200 W. Toledo, Fremont. The Rev. Randy Marshall will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Disabled American Veterans.

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William Rhoads

PLEASANT LAKE — William L. Rhoads, 79, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rhoads was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He enjoyed fishing and bird watching.

He was born Oct. 21, 1925, in Wabash to Samuel and June (Hobson) Rhoads. They preceded him in death.

On Feb. 14, 1958, he married Nellie L. Powell. She preceded him in death on May 25, 1984.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, June and Tim Concus of Pleasant Lake, Geraldine Rhoads and Margaret Rhoads; four sons and a daughter-in-law, David Rhoads of Garrett, Harold and Sharon Payton of Columbia City, Edward Rhoads and James Rhoads; 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Edna Twigs of Wabash.

He also was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, 200 W. Toledo, Fremont. Pastor Norman Fuller will officiate.

Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery. Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 257 will perform military committal services.

Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to charities of the donor's choice.

Retha Grable

BUTLER — Retha May Grable, 95, of Butler died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Grable was a homemaker, a charter member of the Butler Nazarene Church and a member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and Franklin Township Friends Club.

She was born Oct. 31, 1909, in Monroeville to John E. and Rose (Johnson) Isenbarger.

On June 17, 1933, in Fort Wayne, she married Ernest K. Grable. He preceded her in death on Oct. 16, 1993.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Nan Grable of Angola; one daughter, Margie Elliott of Gladstone, Mo.; four grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by one sister, one son-in-law, a grandson and her grandmother.

Services will be at noon Monday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of the Nazarene and DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Lucille Holsinger

HUDSON — Lucille O. Holsinger, 95, of Hudson died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at 6:25 p.m.

Mrs. Holsinger was self-employed as a painter and decorator. She was a member of Helmer United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

She was born June 10, 1909, in Noble County to William and Luella (Howe) Hanes.

On Sept. 1, 1928, she married Walter E. Holsinger. He died Feb. 23, 1984.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Harold Smith of Hudson; three grandchildren, Roger and Deb Smith of Hudson, Rory Smith and his wife, Lila, of Hudson, and Rick Smith of Pensacola, Fla.; eight great-grandchildren, Michael, Matthew, Kyle and Brandon Smith, Lisa Wise, Julie Szapkew, Carla Betcke and Danielle Smith; and six great-great-grandchildren, Trevor and Tyler Szapkew, Zeb Wise, Brittany Parr, Madison and Macy Betcke.

Services are today at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main, Hudson, with Pastor Steve Brittenham officiating.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Memorials are to Helmer United Methodist Church or DeKalb County Home Health Care.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Jeannette Wilcox

SOUTH BEND — Jeannette Kay Wilcox, 65, of South Bend died Friday, Jan. 28, 2005, at Memorial Hospital.

She was born Dec. 31, 1939.

Surviving are a daughter, Tracey Snyder of Osceola; a son, Tony Wilcox of South Bend; two sisters, Dolores Vice of Fremont and Carolyn Coney of Frankfort, Ky.; two brothers, Robert Schaeffer of Fort Wayne and Charles Schaeffer of Tulsa, Okla.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Gospel Center Missionary Church, 930 S. 30th St., South Bend.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at Palmer Funeral Home — River Park, 2528 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Marie Brauer

FREMONT — Marie E. Brauer, 93, of Fremont and formerly of Garfield Heights, Ohio, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

She was born Aug. 23, 1911, in Madison, Ohio.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Vern Palmer of Fremont; and a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Angela Brauer of Riverside, Calif.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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Mrs. Daugherty remembered as 'gracious,' giving

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Lois Daugherty, right, Pleasant Lake, shares a laugh with one of her many friends, Mia Furniss, Jimmerson Lake, in this photo shot during the Christmas season of 2003. Daugherty had a circle of friends that included people half her age and representing many varied walks of life.

PLEASANT LAKE — Lois Daugherty and Carl Zimmerman have been friends for the last 11 years.

"We would have been neighbors for 11 years on March 1," Zimmerman said. "Her husband had died the year before when we met, and she was very receptive to making new friends and developing new relationships."

Despite a 17-year age difference, the pair became inseparable comrades, and it was Zimmerman who was by Lois' side just before she passed away Tuesday.

Lois had been in declining health for a while, Zimmerman said. She went to the hospital a couple of weeks ago, and then went to Lakeland Nursing Center, where she stayed for the last few days of her life.

Lois and Carl had a long-standing tradition of going to each other's homes once a week for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

"One week she'd have me over, the next I'd have her over," he remembered. "She loved entertaining and she loved dinner parties. She was a very gracious hostess. Even if she was very tired, she'd always offer you one more drink."

Carl said his friend was always concerned with looking good.

"She always wore her makeup and dressed to a T," he said.

Carl said people always thought the coiffed and polished Lois colored her hair, but that wasn't the case.

"Her hair was this natural, beautiful shade of reddish-gold," he said. "She had very little gray."

Lois also wasn't the type to hold a grudge.

"In 1999 or 2000 when the Steuben Township Fire Department caught on fire and basically burned to the ground, Lois happened to be heading out on some errands," remembered Mike Marturello, a good friend. "She took Lake Street to get out around all the commotion. It just so happened a fire truck came rushing down the street/goat path. Lois pulled off to the side of the road to try to allow the truck to pass. She ended up sliding off the road and rolled her vehicle, if my memory is correct."

Although she sustained some minor injuries in the mishap and her car was wrecked, Lois didn,t hold it against her hometown fire department.

"Lois ended up sending a donation to the fire department to help rebuild," Mike said. "The fire chief was astounded to get a check from the woman who was forced off the road, wrecking her vehicle. Lois, on the other hand, felt badly that she was only able to give $25 because she had the expense of replacing her car."

Carl said Lois, who had taken care of an ill husband for nine years, dreaded going to the nursing home, but knew it was time when it happened.

"Once someone offered to take her cat, Pebbles, it was a great relief for her," Carl said. "I think she just knew it was her time. She had lost 40 pounds — and she wasn't big to begin with — and she couldn't walk."

Carl said he will always remember his friend, who he said was like both a big sister and a mother to him. He said he'll also remember her as adventurous.

"Whenever anyone wanted to do anything, she was always the first one to say yes," he said with obvious affection. "She loved to go out and eat, to play cards, to try new things. And for a woman of her era, she was very assertive."

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Roger Stebing was held in high regard

BY BILL GISEL
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GARRETT — Jackie Carpenter and her brother, Craig, grew up as Butler Township neighbors to Roger Stebing, who died Monday at he age of 86.

Carpenter remembers once being locked out of her house, and she and her brother walked across a field to the Stebing farmhouse in order to call their parents.

"He fed us milk and cookies," she recalled.

"Always at Halloween, his house was our first stop, and hey had bags of candy with our names on hem," she continued.

Mr. Stebing

"He would always take pictures of us n our costumes," she said with a laugh, and the practice continued even when he Carpenter kids were eenagers and too old to trick-or-reat. "We would still dress up in some kind of a costume, and we would still get a sack full of candy!"

Bob Sickmiller, who lived next door for 35 years, called Mr. Stebing "a wonderful neighbor and a devout Christian, and that just about says it all."

Mr. Stebing farmed for 45 years, and after retiring still stayed active, said Garry Thrush, who leases 349 acres of Mr. Stebing's farm.

"He was always there with advice, or anything else I needed," to help with the farming operation, Thrush said.

The Rev. Stephen Kummernuss, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, where Mr. Stebing was a member more than 50 years, ecounted Mr. Stebing's many accomplishments.

"This sounds like a man who didn't come home and put his feet up. He was very active in his community," Kummernuss said at Thursday's funeral service.

Mr. Stebing sang in the church choir and men's chorus and found time to serve on the church council; was a member of the DeKalb County Fair board and the credit committee of DeKalb Financial Credit Union, and was secretary-treasurer of the DeKalb County Co-op for 25 years, as well as other activities.

He was a DeKalb County councilman 12 years, but was active in the Republican Party and a Butler Township precinct committeeman for much longer than that.

Marcella Fuller, a former GOP county chairman, said Mr. Stebing "was just one of those kinds of people that was always there when you needed him.

"He would help with the fair parades, and we stored the elephants that went on the party's floats in his barn," she recalled. "He was just an awfully good friend, and I appreciated all he did."

DeKalb County Commissioner William "Chuck" Ort said Mr. Stebing was a County Council member when he first became a commissioner in 1991, and he was impressed with how considerate Mr. Stebing was, not only with the public but with his job as a councilman.

"He studied the issues, and he knew his position," Ort commented. "He looked after the best interests of the taxpayers."

Present council member and longtime friend Robert Wilder noted that Mr. Stebing's opinions "were always presented in a way that was not disagreeable. They were not just opinion — he was very well read and he researched an issue before he expressed himself.

"People held his opinion and judgment in very high regard," Wilder said. "He is going to be missed in DeKalb County."

State Sen. Dennis Kruse noted that on several occasions, Mr. Stebing was his defender as well as a good friend.

"I appreciated him defending me as a legislator," Kruse said. "He was very able as a councilman and a farmer," Kruse continued. "He had a good faith in God and he used it as a basis for a lot of his beliefs."

Sketch of kidnapping suspect generates leads

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The release of a composite sketch of a man believed to have abducted a 10-year-old southern Indiana girl has generated tips to investigators but nothing that has led to the whereabouts of Katlyn "Katie" Collman, authorities said Saturday.

The composite shows a very thin white male, 5 feet, 8 inches to 6 feet tall, 18 and 20 years old with short, dark hair and a fair complexion.

"A lot of people have called in and say we know this guy," said Bill Burns, a spokesman for the Crothersville Fire Department.

Meanwhile, in central Indiana, police intensified patrols of an Indianapolis neighborhood where two girls, ages 11 and 12, were attacked sexually within 16 hours, and Noblesville authorities said someone tried to abduct a 9-year-old schoolgirl.

In Crothersville, about 70 miles south of Indianapolis, callers from Lafayette to Louisville, Ky., have telephoned investigators with tips on the girl or her abductor, Burns said.

However, none of the tips so far have produced a break in the case, he said.

"Nothing is turning up positive for us yet," Burns said.

Collman's parents, Angie Collman and John Neace, issued a written statement Friday appealing for their daughter's safe return.

"Please do not harm her. We ask that you just drop her off anywhere so that she may return to a family and community that loves her very much and misses her dearly," the statement said.

Lillian Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Lillian E. Hart, 87, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Luanne Britten

KENDALLVILLE — Luanne (Johnson) Britten, 71, died at 12:27 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at her Kendallville home.

The lifetime area resident was a homemaker and a teacher's aid at North Side Elementary School.

Mrs. Britten

Born on Feb. 6, 1933, in Kendallville, she was the daughter of Warren and Sara (Littler) Johnson. On March 20, 1954, she married James E. Britten in Kendallville. He survives in Kendallville.

She taught nursery school at the Kendallville Park and Recreation Department Youth Center and at the Albion Methodist Church.

Mrs. Britten graduated from Kendallville High School in 1951, and attended Indiana University for two years. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Sigma Eta Music Sorority and the Trinity Church United Methodist choir in Kendallville.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Randy Sexton, and Sara and Richard Conrad, all of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jon and Dawn Britten of Kendallville, and William and Ronaca Britten of Wawaka; and 12 grandchildren, Jenni and Matthew Sexton, Tiffany, Kami and Jeremy Conrad, Stephen, Kristina, Zachery, Colleen, Kearsten and Bryanna Britten, and Alisha Smethers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral, Kendallville, with Eastern Star service at 4 p.m. Calling will also be from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church the day of the services.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Charles Allen

WAWAKA — Charles J. Allen, 79, of Wawaka died at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, in Avalon Village Nursing Center, Ligonier.

The U.S. Army World War II veteran was a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion and the 101 Club.

On May 20, 1925, in Ludington, Mich., he was born to Charles and Jennie (Wells) Allen. He married Luella Schlabach on April 21, 1946, at Lake Wawasee. She survives in Wawaka.

Mr. Allen worked at United Technologies for 25 years, retiring in 1991 as a quality control manager. He also farmed and enjoyed woodworking, reading, fishing, hunting and tinkering.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and David Rose, Shipshewana; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Jennie Allen, Wawaka; a brother, Wayne Surfus, Atlanta, Ga.; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents, five brothers, Glen Clair, Robert. Ralph and William Allen, four sisters, Hazel Winkler, Dorothy McLendon, Ruth Hendrickson and Leora Allen, and a grandchild, Chester Allen, all preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with burial in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice of Fort Wayne or the American Diabetes Association.

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Community mattered to John Milnor

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — Friends of John Newnam Milnor, who moved from Kendallville some 25 years ago, ecall him as a "community-minded person."

Mr. Milnor died Jan. 23 while vacationing in Florida with his wife of 46 years, Cara. They made their home in San Antonio, Texas, where they moved after the sale of the mily business, Newnam oundry.

Former Kendallville Mayor John Riemke was active in Jaycees, as was Milnor, and he remembers Milnor's commitment and loyalty to the community as well.

He especially remembers Milnor's accessibility when Milnor was president of Newnam Foundry, a company founded by Milnor's grandfather, Nick Newnam.

"That was when the mayor could just walk into the office of an industry and talk to the head honcho," Riemke said.

"We worked through a lot of problems … pollution and that sort of stuff. He was open and cooperative, and he participated," he continued. "They lived here, shopped here, and had a commitment and loyalty to the community."

Mrs. Dean Robinson and her late husband were close friends of the Milnors. Robinson was vice president at Newnam.

"They say that people make only four or five really close friends during a lifetime, and John certainly was very much a part of our lives," she said.

Many foundry employees still love Mr. Milnor, she believes. Even though the company is no longer associated with the family for which it is named, the Clara Newnam Foundation continues its good works for employees, she said.

Mrs. Milnor said she and her husband were planning to buy a motorhome and do some traveling. His sudden death came as a shock.

She said that while he had previous heart problems, he had been strong and active. Mr. Milnor loved the outdoors and hunting. She said memorials are to Duck Unlimited.

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Autopsy today on abducted Crothersville gir

CROTHERSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — An autopsy scheduled for Monday could give authorities more information on what killed a 10-year-old girl, whose disappearance and death have shaken a community that had not had a murder in 25 years.

Collman

A state trooper found the body of Katlyn "Katie" Collman in a stream Sunday, five days after she apparently accepted a ride from a young man in a truck while she returned home from running an errand.

Police say the missing person's case has now turned into a homicide investigation, the first in Crothersville, a town of about 15,000 people about 40 miles north of Louisville, in 25 years.

The trooper found the body in a wooded area about a quarter of a mile off Interstate 65 about five miles north of Seymour, Sgt. Jerry Goodin of the Indiana State Police said at a news conference.

Goodin did not disclose how the Crothersville girl died or how long her body may have been in the stream about 20 miles north of her hometown. The autopsy was scheduled to be done in Louisville, Ky.

"This is a saddening day for law enforcement officials," Goodin said. "We've come to know Katie. It hits everyone very hard."

Neighbor Alisa Sweazy's son knew Katie.

"It's very emotional and really hard because it's coming to an end and it wasn't the ending that we wanted," she said.

Another Crothersville woman said her son told her he did not feel safe in his home anymore.

"I just said God is with us, and he takes care of us. And mommy and daddy are watching over you," she said.

The discovery of the body about 10 a.m. Sunday came three days after authorities issued an Amber Alert for her and two days after her parents issued a public appeal for her safe return. Also on Friday, authorities released a sketch of a young man whom a witness said was driving a pickup truck in which Collman was seen.

Police said they have leads in the case, but did not release any further information, only a warning to the abductor.

"We won't stop until we find you," Goodin said.

A $10,000 reward for information in the case remains offered.

No family members spoke during the news conference Sunday afternoon at the Vernon Township Fire Department in Crothersville, which has served as the command post for agencies that mobilized to search for the girl. It was there that Collman's parents, Angie Collman and John Neace, issued a written statement appealing for their daughter's safe return.

AP

Law enforcement and rescue personnel gather near the site where a state trooper on routine patrol found the body of 10-year-old Katlyn "Katie" Collman in a stream Sunday near Seymour, Ind., five days after she apparently accepted a ride from a young man in a truck while she returned home in Crothersville from running an errand.

"Please do not harm her. We ask that you just drop her off anywhere so that she may return to a family and community that loves her very much and misses her dearly," the statement said.

Crothersville Police Chief Norman Ford said in a news release that officers were saddened by Collman's death.

"The full resources of local, state and federal law enforcement will continue to investigate this case to apprehend the person or persons responsible for this reprehensible crime," he said.

Collman's family had last seen her about 4 p.m. Tuesday as she walked to a store about three blocks from her home to buy toilet paper, investigators said. A clerk told investigators that the girl bought the toilet paper, and an acquair
talked to her about a block
as she headed home.

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a normal passenger.

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appeared to be clean and
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alert, Goodin said.

The sketch of the tr
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male, 5 feet, 8 inches to 6
tall, 18 and 20 years old
short, dark hair and a
complexion. A description
the man smokes cigarettes

Collman, a fourth-grad
Crothersville Element
"always had a smile on
face," said Terry Goo
superintendent of
Crothersville schools.

Counselors would
available at Collman's sch
today, said Terry Goo
who's also a Democratic s
representative and the brot
of the state police sergeant

Max Forbes

KENDALLVILLE — Max A. Forbes, 93, of Kendallville died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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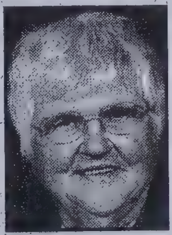
Lillian Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Lillian E. Hart, 87, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mrs. Hart

Mrs. Hart had been a cook at St. John Lutheran School for 25 years and then was a cook at McCray Memorial Hospital for 25 years until her retirement.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Hart enjoyed playing euchre and was a member of the Second Time Around Club at the Youth Center. She also enjoyed playing euchre at the Noble County Community Fair. She was an avid fisherman and enjoyed following East Noble sports, IU basketball and the Cubs. Making bread was a favorite pastime along with teaching children how to crochet.

She had attended Zion Lutheran Elementary School near Corunna and graduated from Waterloo High School.

Mrs. Hart was born April 12, 1917, in Avilla to Otto and Lottie (Diehm) Kammerer.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Carol Hart of Kendallville, Lynn and Colleen Hart of Wolcottville and Jim and Connie Hart of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Deanna Hart of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Mae Kammerer of Kendallville; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Richard Hart and David Hart; three brothers, LeRoy, Henry and Arthur Kammerer, and two sisters, Edith Woods and Ruth Myers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Early Adventures Child Care.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

John Sumner

WATERLOO — John David Sumner, 49, of Waterloo died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005, in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Born Sept. 24, 1955, in Perry County, Ky., he was the son of Eli and Hazel (Eversole) Sumner. Both parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are six brothers, Norman Sumner of Perry County, Ky., Ova Wayne Sumner of Lexington, Ky., Eli Sumner Jr., Esom Glen Sumner and Coby Sumner, all of Waterloo, and Daniel James Sumner of Kendallville; three sisters, Francis Ann Collins of Wolcottville, and Persie Sumner and Mary Catherine Pence, both of Garrett.

A sister, Ora Lee Cody, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Jesse Dinkins

FORT WAYNE — Jesse A. Dinkins, 84, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mr. Dinkins had been a delivery driver for Sand Point Greenhouse for many years.

He was a veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 330.

He was born July 23, 1920, in South Bend.

His wife, Gwendolyn M. Dinkins, died in 1991.

Surviving are two daughters, Dorothy Kay Wilkinson of LaGrange and Deborah S. McDonald of Shipshewana; two stepdaughters, Sonia A. Hamman of Oakley, Calif., and Rosalie A. Koher of Angola; a stepson, Wayne Keith Tarney of Granville, Mass.; his companion, Mary Alice Greve, of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Judith K. Nelson; and a grandson, Timothy Paul Dinkins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Steven McKee officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Marian Hefflinger

COLDWATER, Mich. — Marian D. Hefflinger, 83, of Coldwater, Mich., died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005, at Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility in Coldwater.

Mrs. Hefflinger was born March 29, 1921, in Quincy, Mich., to Clayton O. and Anna H. (Queacbotth) Smith.

She formerly worked at Crotty Corp. in Quincy and Horizon Clothing in Hillsdale, Mich. She also worked at Sears in Coldwater. She enjoyed cooking, sewing and fishing.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Leon Kriser of Coldwater, Mary Lou and Ron Heyman of Gobles, Mich., and Luann and Lester Mouton of Lumberton, Texas; a niece, Nancy Duck; a nephew, Wesley Kosier; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Clinton Walters and Franklin Hefflinger; and a son Douglas Hefflinger.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Lakeview Cemetery, Quincy, with the Rev. Harold Jewell officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family in care of Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, which is in charge of arrangements.

Keith Hite

LIGONIER — Keith C. Hite, 92, of Ligonier died at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at Avalon Village Health Facility.

Mr. Hite had been a press operator for the Goshen News. Prior to that he had worked at the former Levy's Furniture Co. He had also worked at Ulrey Funeral Home for a number of years.

Mr. Hite had been a member of the Ligonier Volunteer Fire Department for 27 years. He enjoyed woodworking, chair caning and horseshoe pitching.

He was born Jan. 17, 1913, in Ligonier to Jess N. and Essie (Swickard) Hite. On Sept. 5, 1943, in Goshen, he married Norma R. Levy. She died Sept. 19, 2004.

Nieces and nephews survive.

He was also preceded in death by an infant son; an infant daughter; a brother and five sisters.

Services will be at noon Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the funeral home.

Jean Miller

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Jean R. Miller, 79, formerly of Huntington, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at 6:30 a.m. at her home in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Mrs. Miller graduated from Garrett High School in 1943. She graduated from Rush-Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago as a registered nurse. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from St. Francis College in Joliet, Ill., and was a member of Cadet Nursing.

Mrs. Miller was a co-owner of Miller Pharmacy in Huntington for 26 years, retiring in 1990. She worked at Coleman Hospital in Indianapolis, Huntington Memorial Hospital and Norwood Nursing Home.

She was a co-founder of the Huntington Toastmistress Club and served as its first president. She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority and Altrusa. She was a member of Starlight Dance Club, Lamplighters Dance Club and Gayla Dance Club and received multiple ballroom dance awards at international ballroom dance competitions in Chicago.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntington.

She was born Oct. 6, 1925, in Garrett to Carson and Mildred Arning Schlosser. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert J. Miller on June 8, 1947, in Garrett and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Deborah J. Miller of Georgetown, Maine; three sons, Robert J. "Rob" Miller of Huntington, Jeffery P. Miller of Philadelphia and Scott A. Miller of Huntington; a sister, Mary Lou Powell of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Dr. James Schlosser of Crawfordsville and Ned Schlosser of Auburn; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Trinity United Methodist Church, Huntington, with the Rev. David Arnold officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery at Huntington.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington.

Memorials are to the Moffitt Cancer Research Center, Tampa, Fla.

Beverly Thompson

GOSHEN — Beverly A. Thompson, 64, of Goshen died at 6:10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at her home.

Ms. Thompson

She had lived in the Goshen area for 32 years. She had been the manager for the garden center at Sautters Greenhouse in Elkhart for the past 14 years.

She was born Nov. 12, 1940, in Chicago to Harold and Sylvia (Johansen) Newgard. They are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Laura and George Ibanez of Miami and Jenny Thompson of Philadelphia; a son, Robert Thompson II of Goshen; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Louis J. Schloderback of Lake Carroll, Ill.; five grandchildren; and her companion of 18 years, Bill Price.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Newgard.

Services will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the National Arbor Day Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Max Forbes

FORT WAYNE — Max A. Forbes, 93, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Forbes had been a custodian at Kendallville High School and then East Noble High School. He had also been employed in the railroad industry and at the Kendallville Power Plant before it was sold to I&M.

He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

He was born Nov. 30, 1911, in Kendallville to Clyde and Grace (Gaines) Forbes. On Sept. 17, 1935, in Albion, he married Helen P. Ackerman. She died Aug. 31, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Pat Forbes of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Tom Forbes Jr. of Fort Wayne; three granddaughters, Carol Reed of Fort Wayne, Alice Witt of Raleigh, N.C., and Kyra Young of Huntington; 11 great-grandchildren; and a nephew, Gene Wert of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Leonard Forbes and Keith Forbes; and a sister, Geraldine Boughey.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Egolf

LIGONIER — Dorothy Egolf, 78, of Ligonier died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at Avalon Village Health Care.

Mrs. Egolf

Mrs. Egolf had spent most of her life in Ligonier. She had retired in 1986 from Essex International Wire.

She was a 1944 graduate of Ligonier High School and regularly attended the annual alumni reunion. She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church and the area "Golden Girls" group.

Mrs. Egolf and her late husband of 53 years enjoyed traveling and took pleasure taking their grandchildren on their trips.

She was a master at doing crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. She loved baking and will be remembered for her famous potato salad and pecan pie.

Mrs. Egolf was born April 27, 1926, in Ligonier to Floyd and Martha (Randall) Tincher. They are deceased. On Nov. 4, 1944, in Ligonier, she married her high school sweetheart, Ross Egolf. He died in 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Ross and Sylvia Egolf of Bloomington and Gary Lee and Paula Egolf of Lancaster, Pa.; a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy Lou and Gary Tope of Rockford, Ill.; six grandchildren, Tim Egolf of Dallas, Texas, Kevin Egolf of Atlanta, Ga., Barry Tope of Chicago, Barton Tope of Chicago, Gretchen Egolf of New York, and Tristan Egolf of Pennsylvania; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Stephan Allan Egolf, and a brother, Bob Tincher.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

William Rhoads

PLEASANT LAKE — William L. Rhoads, 79, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rhoads was born Oct. 21, 1925, in Wabash to Samuel and June (Hodson) Rhoads. He married Nellie Powell on Feb. 14, 1958, and she preceded him in death on May 25, 1984.

He was veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. His hobbies were fishing and bird watching.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, June and Tim Concus of Pleasant Lake and Geraldine and Margaret Rhoads; four sons and a daughter-in-law, David Rhoads of Garrett, Harold and Sharon Payton of Columbia City and Edward and James Rhoads; a sister, Edna Twigs of Wabash; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery, with military committal services conducted by members of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

William Leamon

GRAYSON, Ky. — William Douglas "Bill" Leamon, 47, of Grayson died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Leamon had been the director of maintenance at Kentucky Christian University for 16 years.

He was a member of First Church of Christ in Grayson, leader of the Carter County Mission Team, on the board of directors of Howell's Mill Church Camp and Hippo Valley Christian Missions.

Mr. Leamon was an avid boater and fisherman.

He was born Aug. 2, 1957, in Defiance, Ohio, to William and Ruby Leamon. They survive.

Also surviving are his wife of 29 years, Melinda Ringger Leamon; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jason and Tina Leamon of Burlington, Ky., and Joseph and Heather of Grayson; a daughter, Jennifer Leamon of Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Rick Wiles of Artesia, N.M.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Bruce Leamon and Arnie and Yvonne Leamon, all of Artesia; a granddaughter, Nicolette Leamon of Grayson; and a nephew, Trever Leamon of Grayson.

Services were Jan. 24 at First Church of Christ in Grayson with Philip Lemaster officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Sparks Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

P. Jack Murphy

FORT WAYNE — P. Jack Murphy, 60, of Fort Wayne died at 1:53 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health since July.

Mr. Murphy

Mr. Murphy was a 1963 graduate of New Haven High School. He had worked at International Harvester for 18 years and previously at Central Supply Inc.

He had been a sexton for two years at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Mr. Murphy was a member of the Eagles Lodge in New Haven. He enjoyed fishing, golf and traveling in his RV.

He was born Jan. 18, 1945, in Fort Wayne to Paul J. and Betty Irene (Brown) Murphy. On March 6, 1984, in Florida he married Judy K. McDougall. She survives.

Also surviving are a nephew and his wife, Kevin and Beth McDougall of Fischers; a niece, Kelly McDougall of Hartford City; a great-nephew; and two great-nieces.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16201 Lima Road, with Dr. David Michel officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco or one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsand-childs.net.

Catherine Powell

FORT WAYNE — Catherine M. Powell, 93, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at Byron Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Powell was a native of Beaver Dam, Wis.

She was a homemaker and member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janeen and Larry Mayers of Wolcottville; two sons and daughters-in-law, William and Louise McComb of Fort Wayne and Richard and Barbara McComb of Coldwater, Mich.; a stepdaughter, Patricia Crabill of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1980; and three grandsons, Stephen, David and Michael.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Jude Catholic Church, corner of East State Boulevard and Randallia Street in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Jude School Scholarship Fund.

Delorus Leer

GOSHEN — Delorus G. Leer, 87, of Goshen died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at Americare Living Center of Goshen.

Mrs. Leer had spent most of her life in Goshen and many winters in Sebring, Fla., following her retirement.

She was a sales manager for Tupperware for 25 years and was known by many as "The Tupperware Lady." She was in the top five in Tupperware sales for many years.

Mrs. Leer was a member of Goshen City Church of the Brethren.

She was born July 1, 1917, in Goshen to William H. and Ina (Kauffman) Garber. She married LaMar D. Leer Sept. 7, 1940. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Ronald W. and Gwen Leer of Kendallville; a daughter, Patricia K. Newton of Elkhart; and five grandchildren, Kevin, Kenneth and Kurtis Leer and Brent and Shawn Schrader.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Edna M. Mishler and Viola E. Corner; a brother, Melvin H. Garber; and a half brother, Earl Garber.

Services were Monday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen. Burial was in Violett Cemetery in Goshen.

Memorials are to Parkinson Foundation or Goshen City Church of the Brethren.

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Elephant tramples circus worker to death in Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — An elephant being loaded onto a truck trampled a circus animal trainer to death Monday at Memorial Coliseum, police said.

Three handlers were loading the elephant as crews packed up from this weekend's Shrine Circus, Fort Wayne television station WISE reported. Two of the workers left the trailer and one man stayed behind to lock its door.

Police believe the elephant crushed the man, who was found later by a Coliseum worker. He died from blunt force trauma to the chest at a hospital a few hours after being found, police said.

Police said they did not know how many times the elephant stepped on the man, whose name was not released.

Elephants are the largest of all land animals, and depending on the sex and species they could reach 13 feet in height and weigh up to 6.5 tons, according to the Humane Society of the United States' Web site.

Captive elephants from 1990 to 2003 killed 65 people and injured 130, according to Circuses.com.

Alva Rainier

LAKE CITY, Mich. — Alva R. Rainier, 98, of Lake City died Friday, Jan. 28, 2005, in Lake City.

Mr. Rainier was born in 1906 in Auburn.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. in Young Funeral Home, 403 S. Pine St., Lake City.

Memorials are to Mercy Amicare Hospice.

Cloha Glaser

SYRACUSE — Funeral services for Cloha M. Glaser, 73, of Syracuse will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Clair Hochsteter officiating.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Glaser died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at her home.

Dennis Frederick

ELGIN, Ill. — Dennis K. Frederick, 54, of Elgin and formerly of Middlebury, Ind., died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at his home. He had been in declining health for the past six months.

Mr. Frederick

Mr. Frederick had lived in Elgin the last four years.

He was a 1968 graduate of Middlebury High School and had attended Indiana University and was active in drama and theater productions there. He had performed in many productions at Elkhart Civic Theatre.

Mr. Frederick earned a bachelor's of business administration degree from Eastern Tennessee University and was a CPA for Lane Hospitality in Chicago.

He was a professional storyteller and he and his wife were known as "The Story Weavers." They shared their stories and songs at festivals, schools and gatherings for more than 20 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family, writing songs and playing guitar.

Mr. Frederick was born Nov. 12, 1950, in Blue Island, Ill., to R. Keith and Gretchen Frederick. His father survives in Middlebury and his mother is deceased. In 1984 in Tennessee, he married Lucinda Flodin. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Forest Flodin of San Diego, Calif., and Cody Flodin of Chicago; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Julia and Robert Blair of LaGrange and Mari and Dwight Bowers and Amy and Gerald Miller, all of Middlbbury; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Daniel and Cindy Frederick of Middlebury, Robert and Leslie Frederick of Camarillo, Calif., and Mark Frederick and his companion, Mike Baker, of Terre Haute.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Michael Frederick, in 1970.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linda Craig officiating.

Memorials are to the Heifer Project, Alternate Roots or the International Storytelling Center.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Herschel Pickett

NEW HAVEN — Herschel "Hersch" N. Pickett, 89, of New Haven died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005, at Parkview Hospital.

A native of South Whitley, he was a carpenter.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 330 for 60 years.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Virginia "Ginny" Pickett; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Nyle and Sue Pickett of Coldwater, Mich., Stan and Barb Pickett of New Haven, and Jim Pickett of Waterloo; a sister, Lois Peterson of Fort Dodge, Iowa; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Glenn Pickett; a sister, Alta Meagher; a grandson; and a great-grandson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today in the New Haven United Methodist Church, with burial at IOOF Cemetery in New Haven.

Arrangements are by E. Harper & Sons Funeral Home.

Frances Chomer

GOSHEN — Frances L. Chomer, 78, of Goshen, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at 6:45 p.m. in Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Chomer was retired from Miles Laboratories. She was a member of St. Vincent Catholic Church. She graduated from Hicksville (Ohio) High School and attended Elkhart Business University. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born Feb., 18, 1926, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Carl and Olive (Killian) Smith.

She married Edward J. Chomer on Jan. 3, 1948, in Elkhart. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, James and Mary Chomer of Middlebury, Terry and Shirley Chomer of Goshen and Dr. John Chomer and Lisa Chomer of Mary Esther, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Robert Lucier of Elkhart; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild; and a sister, Lois Fetzer of Hamilton.

A sister, Mary Jane Richards, preceded her in death.

A memorial Mass will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Vincent Catholic Church. The Rev. Jack Overmyer will officiate. The body will be cremated.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Billings Funeral Home, 812 Baldwin St., Elkhart.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be posted at wwwbillingsfuneralhome.com.

Marianne Royse

FORT WAYNE —Marianne J. Royse, 79, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at the home of her daughter in Temple, Ga.

She was an executive secretary for 40 years, retiring in 1988 from Phelps Dodge Corp. She previously worked at General Electric and Magnavox.

A member of the American Contract Bridge League, she also was a member of the St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Lori Royse of Convoy, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Matt Barfield of Temple, Ga.; and grandsons Kevin and Paul Royse, both of Waterloo.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Donald H. Royse; a brother, Robert Hageman; and a sister, Janice Hade.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or Tanner Hospice of Carrolton, Ga.

Marie Brauer

FREMONT — Marie E. Brauer, 93, of Fremont and formerly of Garfield Heights, Ohio, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Brauer was born Aug. 23, 1911, in Madison, Ohio, to Godfrey and Margaret (Faust) Hoffmeyer. She was married to Theodore Brauer on June 15, 1935, in South Euclid, Ohio. He preceded her in death in 1992.

She worked for the Lutheran High Schools Association. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Garfield Heights, and was a past president of the St. John Lutheran Church Chancel Guild.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Vernon Palmer of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Angela Brauer of Riverside, Calif.; two sisters, Toni Vogel of Los Angeles and Myrtle Sears of Pembroke Pines, Fla.; six grandsons and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a great-grandson, Kyler Palmer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church, 11333 Granger Road, Garfield Heights, with the Rev. Vern Bok officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in St. John Lutheran Cemetery, South Euclid.

Memorials are to St. John Chancel Guild or Lutheran High School.

Local arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Sherrill Troyer

KENDALLVILLE — Sherrill D. Troyer, 63, of Kendallville and formerly of Shipshewana died at 8:40 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center where she had resided for three years.

Ms. Troyer

She had lived most of her life in the Shipshewana and LaGrange areas. She had owned and operated many restaurants, including Sherrill's Cafe in Shipshewana and Sherrill's Pizza in LaGrange. She had also been a driver for the Amish community.

She was a member of Forks Mennonite Church in Middlebury.

A native of Sturgis, Mich., she was born May 1, 1941, to Victor Y. and Ruth (Miller) Hooley.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carol and Robert Gadson of Shipshewana and Ann Prentice of Middlebury; a brother, Victor E. Hooley of Middlebury; five nieces; five nephews; 15 great-nieces and nephews; and three great-great-nieces.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Forks Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Mervin Miller officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

George Brezovacki

COLDWATER, Mich. — George H. Brezovacki, 77, of Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of the Bryan and Edgerton, Ohio, areas died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Mr. Brezovacki was born March 27, 1927, in Rib Lake, Wis., to John and Catherine (File) Brezovacki. He married Mary L. Mitchell on Sept. 28, 1951, in Paulding, Ohio, and she survives.

He retired from the General Motors Foundry in Defiance, Ohio, in 1976 after 30 years. He had also worked at the Sears store in Bryan for 15 years. When he moved to Coldwater, he worked for Century Bank & Trust.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War. He was a member of United Auto Workers No. 211.

Also surviving are a son, Thomas Brezovacki of Coldwater; a daughter, Patricia Rauh of Albion; two brothers, John Brezovacki of Tucson, Ariz., and Jim Brezovacki of Boca Raton, Fla.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Kaye Thompson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Damon Curtis officiating. Calling is Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

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Earl Baker Duggleby,

MEDARYVILLE, Ind. — Earl Baker Duggleby, 92, died Tuesday, January 18, 2005, in Parkview Haven Retirement Home in Francesville, Indiana.

Born September 25, 1912, in Tefft, he graduated from Tefft High School and Purdue University where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1940. While at Purdue, Mr. Duggleby was a founding member of Chauncey House. This cooperative house is still active at Purdue, and many students have lived there during their college years.

Mr. Duggleby taught vocational agriculture at Wolf Lake High School, Wolf Lake, Indiana. He also taught at Leesburg, Wheatfield, Medaryville, Burnettsville, Idaville, Morocco and LaCrosse high schools as well as seventh grade at Kniman, fifth grade at Tefft and fifth and sixth grade social studies at Wheatfield. After 38 years of teaching, he retired in 1978.

He was a member of the Medaryville United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday school classes. He also taught Sunday school classes at the Tefft United Methodist Church. He was a 63-year member of Wheatfield Masonic Lodge 642.

Mr. Duggleby was past president of the Kankakee Valley Retired Teachers Association and the Pulaski County Retired Teachers Association. He also was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association.

He traveled extensively and had given travel lectures at various occasions in Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska and Europe. In 2004, he was the oldest participant to attend the World Duggleby Reunion in England.

Mr. Duggleby enjoyed spending winters in Bradenton, Florida, where he sang in the Trailer Estates Covenant Church choir.

His marriage was to Frances May Faris in May 1953 in Wolcott. She died April 25, 1997.

There are no immediate survivors. Surviving are 17 nieces and nephews, a sister-in-law, Ramona Duggleby of Tefft. Preceding him in death were five brothers and two sisters.

William "Peck" Cameron

ALBION — William Rayburn "Peck" Cameron, 84, of rural Albion, died Saturday, January 29, 2005, at hospice Home of Fort Wayne. He was born on October 10, 1920, in Bentonville, VA to Harry Luther and Ella May (Orndorff) Cameron.

He married Ruth Lorene Hurt on October 29, 1941, in Silver Springs, MD. She survives. He retired from Stone Industries/J.L. Clark Co. after 44 years. He was a former member and deacon of the Wabash Seventh Day Adventist Church. He enjoyed playing the mandolin, the guitar, and other string instruments. Peck lived in Wabash 20 years before moving to Noble County in May 2003. He was also a former resident of the Front Royal, VA area.

He is survived by wife, Ruth L. Cameron of Albion; three daughters, Minnie Sue (Fred) Campbell, Caren Patience (Clifford) Poole, and Carmen (Dean) May; two sons, Ronald Terry (Christine) Cameron, and Donnie (Judy) Cameron; two sisters, Ruth Eleanor (Lee) Gross and Maxine Mulvey; one brother, Manard (Vivian) Cameron; 17 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Services were held Wednesday, February 2, 2005, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service in Wabash with Pastor Conrad Riechert officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Memorial Lawns Cemetery in Wabash.

The memorial guest book for William may be signed at grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Preferred memorials are to Hospice Home of Fort Wayne, 5910 Homestead Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

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Charles Allen

WAWAKA — Charles J. Allen, 79, of Wawaka died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, in Avalon Village Nursing Center, Ligonier.

The U.S. Army World War II veteran was a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion and the 101 Club.

On May 20, 1925, in Ludington, Mich., he was born to Charles and Jennie (Wells) Allen. He married Luella Schlabach on April 21, 1946, at Lake Wawasee. She survives in Wawaka.

Mr. Allen worked at United Technologies for 25 years, retiring in 1991 as a quality control manager. He also farmed and enjoyed woodworking, reading, fishing, hunting and tinkering.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and David Rose, Shipshewana; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Jennie Allen, Wawaka; a brother, Wayne Surfus, Atlanta, Ga.; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents, five brothers, Glen, Clair, Robert, Ralph and William Allen, four sisters, Hazel Winkler, Dorothy McLendon, Ruth Hendrickson and Leora Allen, and a grandchild, Chester Allen, all preceded him in death.

Services were held Tuesday, February 2, 2005, at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with burial in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice of Fort Wayne or the American Diabetes Association.

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Firefighters inspect a 1992 Pontiac Firebird that Darrin K. Webb of Butler was driving when he died in a head-on collision Wednesday on U.S. 6, three miles west of Waterloo.

DAVE KURTZ

U.S. 6 crash kills area man

WATERLOO — A Butler man died in a head-on crash Wednesday at 3:31 p.m. on U.S. 6 near DeKalb C.R. 23.

The collision killed Darrin K. Webb, 30, of the 6900 block of C.R. 24, according to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department. A police report said he died from internal injuries.

A second driver survived the collision with bleeding from the mouth as his only apparent injury, police said.

Andrew D. Benson, 19, of the 100 block of West Maumee Street, Angola, told police he may have fallen asleep before the collision, the police report said.

Police said Benson was traveling westbound on U.S. 6 when his 1999 Ford Contour crossed the center line. It struck Webb's eastbound 1992 Pontiac Firebird about 50 yards west of the C.R. 23 intersection.

A police report said Webb tried to veer to the right to avoid a collision. After the impact, his car spun and went off the roadway into a ditch beside the parking lot for Squier Pallets Inc. on the southwest corner of the intersection.

Benson's can also spun and came to a stop on the north berm of U.S. 6.

Police cited Benson for allegedly driving left of center and operating a motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility. The crash remains under investigation, the police report said.

Both drivers were alone in their cars.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Deaprtment received help at the crash scene from the Waterloo and Corunna fire departments, DeKalb Emergency Medical Service, Waterloo Police and Indiana State Police.

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Child's struggle for life comes to an end

Austin Hayes, 2 1/2, brought area together

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LIGONIER — Charles Hayes pictures his son, Austin, running and playing, being a kid and having a good time.

Those were things denied a boy who touched dozens of lives in his too-short 2 1/2 years. Austin Hayes, the boy brought back to life by Noble and LaGrange county emergency responders in November 2002, died Tuesday night at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

"He fought for his whole life to stay alive," Charles Hayes said Wednesday morning. "He just decided he couldn't fight any more."

Austin's life was plagued with health problems. He was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and spent nearly half his 2 1/2 years in the hospital.

All his pain has ended now.

"He's not suffering anymore," Charles Hayes said. "He's in a much better place."

Charles and Nancy Hayes took their son to Lutheran Hospital on Sunday night. Austin was severely dehydrated. His parents had made the heart-wrenching decision several months ago not to use extraordinary medical measures to prolong his agony.

"My wife and I told him it was OK to go," Charles said. "Two hours later he passed.

"He was a little fighter. He did everything he could, he couldn't do it anymore."

Born on Mother's Day 2002, Austin had medical problems his entire life. In November 2002, when Austin was 6 months old, first responders were called to the Hayes home and found the boy in complete respiratory failure. It had been 20 minutes since his last breath.

Then-Wolcottville Town Marshal Ron Hoover began CPR. Austin was quickly carried to an ambulance and transported to Parkview Noble Hospital. On the way to the hospital, Austin Hayes was revived.

When Austin's miraculous story was published in this newspaper, an entire community rushed in to support the Hayes family and Austin.

"So often, as medics and police officers, we see the worst human beings and the horrible things they can do to each other," responding deputy sheriff Mike Duncan said in the 2002 article. Duncan and Hoover carried the boy to the ambulance, performing CPR as they went. "Then, when something like this comes along, you do your damnedest to make a difference, and that's why we wanted to save that baby.

"That's why we want to help this family now. As an adult and an EMT, it is my responsibility to see that this baby has every fighting chance.

"Why? Because he may make a difference in this world, even if it's only to one person."

Because of the way the area rallied around the boy and his family, Austin did that, according to Duncan.

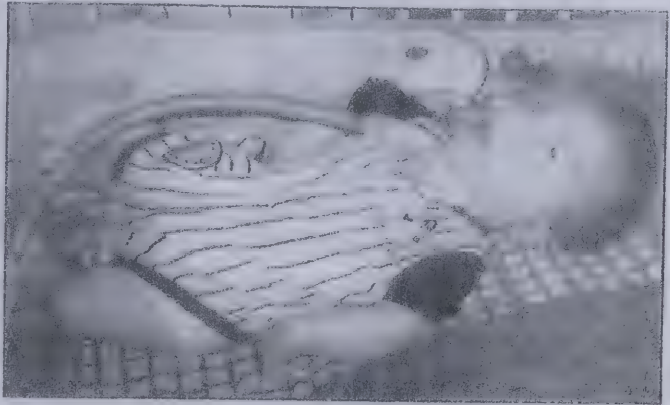
"He brought a whole community together," Duncan said.

Austin remained seriously ill, however. He never learned to walk, but he was ticklish and Nancy Hayes said her fondest memory of her son was the "first time he tried to crack a smile."

It wasn't an easy life for the youngster, or his parents.

"Taking care of him was the easy part," Nancy Hayes said. "(But) it was very hard always going to the hospital, not knowing how long he was going to be around."

Charles Hayes said he wanted everyone who helped the family over the years to know how grateful his family was for the support shown them.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Austin Hayes, 2, lies in his crib at his Ligonier home.

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Austin Hayes

LIGONIER — Austin M. Hayes, 2, of Ligonier died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was the son of Charles A. and Nancy L. (Binkley) Hayes of Sparta Lake near Ligonier.

He was born May 12, 2002, in Kendallville.

Surviving with his parents are a brother, Tyler Binkley, at home; his paternal grandfather, Archie Hayes of White Pigeon, Mich.; his paternal grandmother, Marjorie J. Hayes of White Pigeon; his maternal grandmother, Holly Jefferson of Wolcottville; his maternal grandfather, Stephen Binkley of Wolcottville; his maternal great-grandmother, Bonnie Jefferson of Bronson, Mich.; his paternal great-grandmother, Marjorie E. Hayes of White Pigeon; and his paternal great-grandfather, Junior and Marjorie Hawkins of Constantine, Mich.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Father Charles Mullen officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Casketbearers will be Archie Hayes, Stephen Binkley, Adam Jefferson and L.J. Conley.

Calling will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Harold Casebere

BUTLER — Harold R. Casebere, 90, of Butler died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Casebere

Mr. Casebere was a farmer. He was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ, a 56-year member of Forrest Lodge 239 and a member of the 32nd Degree York Rite.

He was born May 31, 1914, in Stafford Township to Homer L. and Princess C. (Thomas) Casebere. They preceded him in death.

He married his wife of 69 years, Gertrude E. Varner, on Aug. 15, 1935, in Troy Township. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Carl and Donna Casebere of Butler, H. Emerson and Margaret Casebere of Auburn and Clifford and Julie Casebere of Waterloo; a daughter, Helen Casebere of Butler; a sister, Rachel Imhoff of Auburn; seven grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Maurice and Stanley Sol Casebere; an infant daughter, Susan Diane Casebere; and a sister, Mable Myers.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. A Masonic service will begin at 7 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Rolla Stores

AUBURN — Rolla E. Stores, 79, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Paulding, Ohio, Mr. Stores worked for Schamban W. Seals Division for 25 years, retiring in 1987. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1951 to 1953 in Korea and Japan.

He was a member of American Legion Post 330 in New Haven, Indian Village Church of God in Auburn, and Local 304 WAW-CIO Allied Industries. He graduated from Latty High School in Broughton, Ohio, in 1949.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma D. Stores of Auburn; two sons, Rex and Keith Stores, both of Fort Wayne; a stepson and his wife, Steve and Royette Wilder of Auburn; three stepdaughters and spouses, Lola Fairchild of Auburn, Donna and Vic Phares of Hudson and Roberta and Jim Willits of LaGrange; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret, in 1985, and his parents, Rolla J. and Laura H. (Coleman) Stores.

Calling will be Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Paulding, Ohio.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the League for the Blind.

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Katlyn Collman

CROTHERSVILLE — Funeral services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Crothersville School gymnasium for Katlyn "Katie" Collman, 10, of Crothersville. Katie disappeared Tuesday, Jan. 25, on her way home from a store three blocks from her home in Crothersville and her body was found Sunday, Jan. 30, north of Seymour.

Miss Collman

She was a fourth-grade student at Crothersville Elementary. She attended First Baptist Church of Crothersville where she was involved in the Awana program. Katie enjoyed playing outside, watching the Disney Channel, going into The Peoples Bank daily to get suckers, and was known for always being happy and having a big smile on her face.

Born Aug. 13, 1994, in Seymour, she was the daughter of Johnathon Cartwright Neace and Angela "Angie" Dee (Jones) Neace, who both reside in Crothersville.

Other survivors include a sister, Jessica Collman of Crothersville; her maternal grandmother, Lynette Jones of Naples, Fla.; her maternal stepgrandmother, Brenda Barron and her husband, Brad, of Crothersville; her maternal great-grandparents, Grenetta and Jim Land of Crothersville; her paternal grandmother, Dora Neace of Scottsburg; her paternal great-grandmother, Bertha Abernathy of Elwood; four uncles, Joe Horn of Avon, Jerry Neace and Darrin Jones, both of Crothersville, and Bobby Neace of Kendallville; and three aunts, Ellie White of Crothersville, Tammy Jones of Naples, and Valerie Jones of Walesboro.

She was preceded in death by grandfathers, Charles David Jones and Goodloe Neace, and a great-grandfather, Richard Abernathy.

Burial will be at White Cemetery in Scott County.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at the school.

Adams Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may given to the family at www.AdamsFuneral-HomeOnline.com.

Two funds have been established in the wake of Katie's abduction. The Katie Family Fund was created by Cerro Wire at The Peoples Bank of Crothersville to provide direct assistance for the needs of Katie's family. The other fund — the Katie Fund — was established by the Crothersville Vernon Township Volunteer Fire Department through The Peoples Bank of Crothersville to assist in defraying the expenses associated with the search for Katie, as well as additional support for her family.

John Miller

TOPEKA — John Arlan Miller, 19, of Topeka died at 10:46 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from complications due to muscular dystrophy.

He was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and had graduated with honors from Westview High School in 2004.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Aug. 13, 1985, in LaGrange to John R. and Waneta (Barkman) Miller. They survive in Topeka.

Also surviving are six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Mary Magdalena and Marvin Miller, Lorraine Miller and Karin Ann Miller, all of Topeka, and Rebekah and David Wayne Yoder, Esther and Dean C. Miller and Dolores and David Ray Miller, all of Shipshewana; his grandparents, Monroe and Lena Barkman of Topeka; his stepgrandfather, Daniel J. Miller of Middlebury; six nieces; and four nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Roman J. and Esther Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Crist Gingerich residence, corner of C.R. 660S and S.R. 5, Topeka, with Bishop Wayne Miller officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family home at 7815 W. C.R. 700S, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Irma Fisher

FREMONT — Irma I. Fisher, 100, of Fremont of formerly of Edon, Ohio, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fisher

Mrs. Fisher was born April 3, 1904, in Edon to Frank and Emma (Luke) Young. She was married to Oscar Fisher on Oct. 7, 1925, in Edon, and he preceded her in death in 1980.

She was a homemaker. She enjoyed gardening, playing cards and quilting. She was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church, where she was the organist for 14 years. She was a member of the Minerva Club.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Norman and Betty Fisher and Neil and Billie Fisher, all of Fremont; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Ned Fisher; a daughter, Nathalie Crain; two sisters and a brother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Calling will be Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Edon Cemetery.

Memorials are to Fremont United Methodist Church.

Robert Parsell

MARTINSVILLE — Robert Warren Parsell, 68, of Martinsville died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove.

Mr. Parsell owned and operated a rural milk-hauling business serving the County Line Cheese Co. of Auburn for several years. He also worked for International Harvester.

He was born Feb. 26, 1936, in Steuben County to Glenn and Princess (Kline) Parsell. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen (Schmidt) Parsell of Martinsville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Linda Parsell of Waterloo and Rob and Carol Parsell of Garrett; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Christine and Rick Andis of French Lick, Cynthia Johnson of Martinsville and Lisa and Mark Banta of Martinsville; four sisters, Glenda McClellan of Ashley, Marilyn McClellan of Hudson, Kathy Cretsinger of Golden Lake and Karen Mills of Pleasant Lake; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and John Parsell.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jim Charles officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery. Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Doris Stahly

CROMWELL — Doris E. Stahly, 85, of Cromwell died at 6:10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Stahly was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She was a homemaker and had worked at the former Wirk Garment Co.

Mrs. Stahly was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church. She had been active in the church's Women's Association and the Lady Elks. She enjoyed playing bridge and wintering in Florida.

For the past several years, the highlight of her week had been spending Friday nights with her sons.

Mrs. Stahly was born May 5, 1919, in Noble County to Walter W. and Laura Alice (Miller) Knepper. On July 27, 1940, in Wawaka, she married Fred Stahly. He died in 1990.

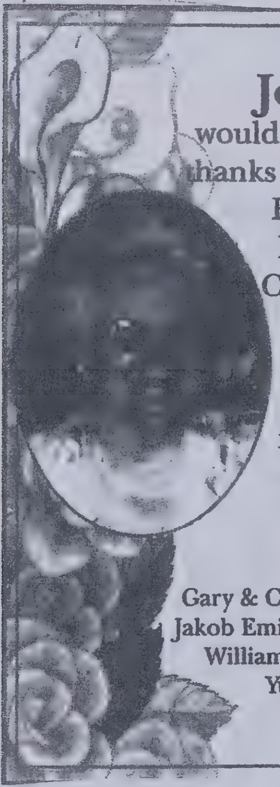
Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Karen Stahly of Cromwell, Richard and Ellen Stahly of Auburn and Randy and Linda Stahly of Marion; a sister, Thelma Black of Wilmot; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Knepper, and an infant.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Stan Wilson officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Presbyterian Church.



The family of

Josephine Yunker

would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all the medical personnel, Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange United Methodist Church, Donna Knight, friends, neighbors and extended family for all the expressions of sympathy, memorials and friendship during our time of shock & sorrow. She will be missed by many.

May God bless you all.

Gary & Carolyn Frehse, Nate, Jason, Jennifer & Jakob Eminger, Roger, Kathy, Eric & Mitch Hart, William Sr., Rick, Liz, Bill Jr., Abby & Nikki Yunker, Jerry & Margaret Ober,
The Marker families,
The Eagleson families

Raymond Wilson

FREMONT — Raymond Wilson, 92, of Fremont died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Wilson was born April 28, 1914, in Steuben County to Harvey and Mattie (Goudy) Wilson. He was married to Doris Heller on Dec. 31, 1937, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 3, 1999.

He was a farmer. He was a member of Metz Christian Church and the Steuben County Farmers Club.

Surviving are three daughters, Carolyn Dikty of Fort Wayne, Marilyn Baker of Phoenix and Marlene Schaeffer of Fremont; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Edon Cemetery, Edon, Ohio.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Karlton Milliner

FORT WAYNE — Karlton V. Milliner, 44, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005.

Surviving are his father, Von Milliner, and his father's wife, DeVon, of Auburn; his mother, Ruth Milliner of Roanoke, Va.; a stepmother, Sheila Merriman of St. Joe; a brother and sister-in-law, Eric and Isabel Milliner of Italy; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Jason Ayoub of Houston; a stepbrother, Bill Milliner of Garrett; and a stepsister, Elizabeth Sanders of Las Vegas, Nev.

There will be no services or calling.

Siler Funeral Service, 8632 Decatur Road, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Donald Hartman

AUBURN — Donald J. Hartman, 87, of Auburn, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Dorothy Egolf

Dorothy Egolf, 78, of Ligonier died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at Avalon Village Health Care.

Mrs. Egolf had spent most of her life in Ligonier. She had retired in 1986 from Essex International Wire.

She was a 1944 graduate of Ligonier High School and regularly attended the annual alumni reunion. She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church and the area "Golden Girls" group.

Mrs. Egolf

Mrs. Egolf and her late husband of 53 years enjoyed traveling and took pleasure taking their grandchildren on their trips.

She was a master at doing crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. She loved baking and will be remembered for her famous potato salad and pecan pie.

Mrs. Egolf was born April 27, 1926, in Ligonier to Floyd and Martha (Randall) Tincher. They are deceased. On Nov. 4, 1944, in Ligonier, she married her high school sweetheart, Ross Egolf. He died in 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Ross and Sylvia Egolf of Bloomington and Gary Lee and Paula Egolf of Lancaster, Pa.; a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy Lou and Gary Tope of Rockford, Ill.; six grandchildren, Tim Egolf of Dallas, Texas, Kevin Egolf of Atlanta, Ga., Barry Tope of Chicago, Barton Tope of Chicago, Gretchen Egolf of New York, and Tristan Egolf of Pennsylvania; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Stephan Allan Egolf, and a brother, Bob Tincher.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 5 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, February 4 at the funeral home.

Keith Hite

Keith C. Hite, 92, of Ligonier died at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at Avalon Village Health Facility.

Mr. Hite had been a press operator for the Goshen News. Prior to that he had worked at the former Levy's Furniture Co. He had also worked at Ulrey Funeral Home for a number of years.

Mr. Hite had been a member of the Ligonier Volunteer Fire Department for 27 years. He enjoyed woodworking, chair caning and horseshoe pitching.

He was born Jan. 17, 1913, in Ligonier to Jess N. and Essie (Swickard) Hite. On Sept. 5, 1943, in Goshen, he married Norma R. Levy. She died Sept. 19, 2004.

Nieces and nephews survive.

He was also preceded in death by an infant son; an infant daughter; a brother and five sisters.

Services were Tuesday, February 1 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with burial in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling was also Tuesday at the funeral home.

Charles Allen

Charles J. Allen, 79, of Wawaka died at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, in Avalon Village Nursing Center, Ligonier.

The U.S. Army World War II veteran was a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion and the 101 Club.

On May 20, 1925, in Ludington, Mich., he was born to Charles and Jennie (Wells) Allen. He married Luella Schlabach on April 21, 1946, at Lake Wawasee. She survives in Wawaka.

Mr. Allen worked at United Technologies for 25 years, retiring in 1991 as a quality control manager. He also farmed and enjoyed woodworking, reading, fishing, hunting and tinkering.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and David Rose, Shipshewana; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Jennie Allen, Wawaka; a brother, Wayne Surfus, Atlanta, Ga.; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents, five brothers, Glen Clair, Robert, Ralph and William Allen, four sisters, Hazel Winkler, Dorothy McLendon, Ruth Hendrickson and Leora Allen, and a grandchild, Chester Allen, all preceded him in death.

Services were Tuesday, February 1 at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with burial in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling was Monday, January 31 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice of Fort Wayne or the American Diabetes Association.

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Cloha Glaser

Cloha M. Glaser, 73, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Glaser had spent her lifetime in Noble and Kosciusko counties.

She was a homemaker and member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Glaser

Mrs. Glaser had served on the Ligonier Public Library board of directors and was a poll worker in Noble County. She was a member of Kappa Sigma Tau Sorority and the Lady Elks.

She was an avid reader and especially enjoyed historical books. She enjoyed cooking, traveling and entertaining her family and friends.

Mrs. Glaser was born Feb. 12, 1931, in Ligonier to John and Alice M. (Adair) Kettlebar. On Aug. 16, 1950, in Ligonier, she married Joe Glaser. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ben Glaser of Ligonier; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marcia and Larry Yoder of Ligonier, Carol and Steve Reed of South Whitley and Heidi Johnson of Syracuse; a brother, Tom Kettlebar of Joppa, Md.; three sisters, Wanda Wiley of Columbia City, Mildred Kettlebar of Ligonier and Mary Alice Rex of Port Royal, S.C.; and 12 grandchildren, Joe Glaser of Ligonier, Tracey Yoder Edmunson of Eugene, Ore., Trista Yoder of Indianapolis, Bradley Yoder of Indianapolis, Jolene, Tony and Todd Reed, all of South Whitley, J.J. Johnson of Muncie and Jeremy, Jordan, Jared and Jed Johnson, all of Syracuse.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and a sister.

Services were today, Thursday, February 3, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Clair Hochsteter officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling was Wednesday, February 2 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospital Foundation, Ligonier Public Library or charity of the donor's choice.

Late Notices

Doris E. Stahly, 85, of Cromwell, died Wednesday at Goshen General Hospital.

Services are Sunday at 4 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling is 1 to 4 p.m.

Austin M. Hayes, 2, of Ligonier, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Please see the News-Sun for more details on these two deaths.

Luanne Britten

Luanne (Johnson) Britten, 71, died at 12:27 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at her Kendallville home.

Mrs. Britten

The lifetime area resident was a homemaker and a teacher's aid at North Side Elementary School.

Born on Feb. 6, 1933, in Kendallville, she was the daughter of Warren and Sara (Littler) Johnson. On March 20, 1954, she married James E. Britten in Kendallville. He survives in Kendallville.

She taught nursery school at the Kendallville Park and Recreation Department Youth Center and at the Albion Methodist Church.

Mrs. Britten graduated from Kendallville High School in 1951, and attended Indiana University for two years. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Sigma Eta Music Sorority and the Trinity Church United Methodist choir in Kendallville.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Randy Sexton, and Sara and Richard Conrad, all of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jon and Dawn Britten of Kendallville, and William and Ronaca Britten of Wawaka; and 12 grandchildren, Jenni and Matthew Sexton, Tiffany, Kami and Jeremy Conrad, Stephen, Kristina, Zachery, Colleen, Kearsten and Bryanna Britten, and Alisha Smethers.

Services were Tuesday, February 1 at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

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Carl Clemons

Carl D. Clemons, 66, of Syracuse, died at 2:05 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 25, 1938, in Macy, to Coy and Allie (Hale) Clemons.

On Jan. 1, 1983, he married Barbara Sheets.

He was a veteran of the Army.

He was a lifetime area resident and retired lathe operator at Dana, Syracuse.

He was a member of the Eagles, Syracuse.

He is survived by his wife; three stepdaughters, Tonna (John) Slusher, Kimmell, Toni Flowers, Leesburg and Tami Flowers, Warsaw; six stepgrandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Reba Garrison, Peru, and Barbara Mikells, Rochester; and two brothers, Robert Clemons, Richmond, Va., and Bobby Clemons, Macy.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Calling was on Monday, January 31 at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Syracuse.

The funeral service was Tuesday, February 1 at the funeral home, with the Rev. Bill Babb officiating.

Burial with military honors was in Syracuse Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the organization of the donor's choice.

Elizabeth Koenig

CHURUBUSCO — Elizabeth “Jane” Gray Koenig, 69, of Churubusco died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at 10:45 p.m. at Miller’s Merry Manor nursing home in Columbia City. She had been in declining health since August.

Mrs. Koenig

Mrs. Koenig was employed at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for more than 30 years, retiring as a PC operator in 1992.

She was a member of the Turners Club and the McMillen Lions Club in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed crocheting and especially enjoyed her family.

She was born June 11, 1935, in Whitley County to Russell and Lois (Hull) Yant.

She spent her formative years in Collins and graduated from Churubusco High School. She spent her early adult life in and around Churubusco before moving to Fort Wayne in 1977. She returned to Churubusco last year.

On March 19, 1977, in Fort Wayne, she married Harold ‘Hal” Koenig. He died Feb. 18, 2001.

Surviving are three laughters and two sons-in-law, loria and Michael Pressler of hurubusco, Patricia Gray of rizona and Christine and ark Coonrod of Columbia ity; a son, Lee A. Gray of ecumseh, Mich.; four epchildren and their spouses, herry and Jerry Smith and eve Kammer, all of Fort ayne, Ron and Susie ammer of Glen Ellyn, Ill., d Leafon Ronyak of Fort yers, Fla.; her stepmother, ma Yant of Abilene, Kan.; a ter and brother-in-law, irley and William Claxton of urubusco; two half sisters, nda Creech and her husband, nnie, and Beverly Bergman, all of Abilene; two half brothers, Wayne Yant of Salina, Kan., and Bruce Yant and his wife, Tommie, of Arkansas; a stepbrother, Steve Coup and his wife, Becky, of Salina; 18 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Timothy A. Gray, on May 4, 1987; a stepson, Bernard Koenig; and a half brother, Roy Yant.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor John Hamer of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or the Salvation Army.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral spray,
if so we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
that anyone could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all...
just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,
we Thank-You so much whatever the part.

By The Family Of
Cecil Bair

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information about memorials.*

Karlton Milliner

FORT WAYNE — Karlton V. Milliner, 44, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005.

Surviving are his father, Von Milliner, and his father’s wife, DeVon, of Auburn; his mother, Ruth Milliner of Roanoke, Va.; a stepmother, Sheila Merriman of St. Joe; a brother and sister-in-law, Eric and Isabel Milliner of Italy; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Jason Ayoub of Houston; a stepbrother, Bill Milliner of Garrett; and a stepsister, Elizabeth Sanders of Las Vegas, Nev.

There will be no services or calling.

Siler Funeral Service, 8632 Decatur Road, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospital Cardiac Care.

Howard Gilliam Sr.

ANGOLA — Howard E. Gilliam Sr., 92, of Angola died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at Courtland Healthcare in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gilliam was born April 21, 1912, in New Castle to Julian and Lucy (Hall) Gilliam. She was married to Lillian Irene Tonkin on Nov. 14, 1936, and she preceded him in death on June 18, 1976.

He was a sales representative for Best Metal Products, retiring in 1990. He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Howard E. Gilliam Jr. of Fort Wayne and Thomas B. Gilliam of Hudson, Ohio; two daughters, Patricia I. Merrell of Buffalo, N.Y., and Shirley L. Halizak of Fort Myers, Fla.; two sisters, Lucille Armstrong of South Carolina and Edna Post of Florida; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers and a sister.

Services will be at Saturday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are to Shriners Children's Hospital, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60635, or Riley Children's Hospital, 50 S. Meridian, Suite 500, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Darrin Webb

BUTLER — Darrin K. Webb, 30, of Butler died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, of injuries sustained in a car accident at the intersection of U.S. 6 and C.R. 23, near Waterloo.

Mr. Webb

Mr. Webb worked at Hendrickson Tandem Plant 3 in Kendallville. He was a member of the Butler Eagles.

He was born Dec. 17, 1974, in Auburn to Jerry and Trudy (Frain) Webb of Butler. They survive.

Also surviving are a son, Austin Tyler Webb, at home; a brother, Grant Webb of Butler; his grandparents, John and Freida Frain of Auburn, Wendall and Laura Webb of Butler and Ruth and Russell Obendorf of Butler; and his companion, Michelle Schieselbein.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. John Kinsey officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. An Eagles service will take place Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a trust fund for Austin Tyler Webb, in care of the Fort Financial Credit Union, Auburn.

Nancy Tierney

WOLCOTTVILLE — Nancy Jane Tierney, 68, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, at Renaissance Village in Whitley County.

Mrs. Tierney was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She had been employed in inspection at Astec Industries.

Mrs. Tierney was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City and a former member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

She was born Sept. 10. 1936, in Ligonier to Harley and Dorothy (Dickinson) Chrisman. On Feb. 24, 1958, in Ligonier she married James Tierney. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Eric Tierney of Wawaka and Bruce Tierney of Avilla; three brothers, Ray Chrisman of LaGrange, Don Chrisman of Ligonier and Lee Chrisman of Warsaw; a sister, Barbara Leamon of Cromwell; and three grandchildren, Kate Tierney of Avilla and Libby Tierney and Shayne Tierney, both of Wawaka.

Services will be at noon Saturday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City with Father Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with a prayer service at 8:15 p.m.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Carl Friend

CORUNNA — Carl E. Friend, 89, of Corunna died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Friend worked for the General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 34 years, retiring in 1978.

He was born June 20, 1915, in Corunna to Milo and Rose (Schurr) Friend.

He married Doris Hoffmeyer in 1941. She died in 1992.

Surviving are a son, Steven A. Friend of Fort Wayne; a sister, Ethel Hills of Portage, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Sarah and Katie Friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ruth Hohman.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Doyle Schmidt

ANGOLA — Doyle Edmund Schmidt, 82, of Angola died at 6:03 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, after a long battle with heart problems and diabetes.

Mr. Schmidt was born May 3, 1922, in Putnam County, Ohio, to Cloyd and Eunice (Quaintaince) Schmidt. On Sept. 13, 1942, he married Catherine Elaine Buss at a farm home northwest of Hudson. She survives.

He attended grade school in Ohio and in DeKalb County. He graduated from Salem Center High School. He was a farmer and worked in Fort Wayne at International Harvester for 21 years.

He was a member of the Hudson United Brethren Church, where he taught Sunday school.

Since 1982, the Schmidts had spent their winters in Pomona Park at Lake Broward, Fla. There, they attended services at the Pilgrim Church of Christ.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy Kay and Rob Wren of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Hope Sims Schmidt of Kendallville and James and Wanda Beckmaster Schmidt of Hudson; two sisters, Wava Brandon Sebert of Auburn and Lila Keith Holden of Hudson; and 13 grandchildren, Sherri Wren Rush, David Wren, Rebecca Schmidt Hunter, Melinda Schmidt Mayo, Heidi Schmidt Brown, Wendy Schmidt, Jennifer Schmidt Wall, Ann Schmidt Kline, Brenda Schmidt, Lisa Schmidt Whetzel, Brian Schmidt, Jason Schmidt and Julie Schmidt; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul E. and Furl G. Schmidt.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hudson United Brethren Church. Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and Monday one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to Hudson United Brethren Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to list an additional surviving relative.*

Carl Friend

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Mr. Friend worked for the General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 34 years, retiring in 1978.

He was born June 20, 1915, in Corunna to Milo and Rose (Schurr) Friend.

He married Doris Hoffmeyer in 1941. She died in 1992.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven A. and Kristine L. Friend of Fort Wayne; a sister, Ethel Hills of Portage, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Sarah and Katie Friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ruth Hohman.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Ronald Williams

FORT WAYNE — Ronald P. Williams, 73, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at 4:10 a.m. at Regency Place of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams was a Purdue University graduate and worked as an electronics technician at Farnsworth Electronics, now ITT. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving from 1950-1954, and a member of the Good Shepherd Fellowship church in Garrett.

He was born Dec. 5, 1931, in Garrett to Raymond P. and Blanche (Andrews) Williams. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Renee Hein of Fort Wayne and Karen and Kevin Keifrider of Douglasville, Pa.; a brother, the Rev. Larry Williams of Southaven, Miss.; five grandchildren, Megan, Breanne and Matthew Hein of Fort Wayne and Stephanie and Emily Keifrider of Douglasville; a stepgranddaughter, Jessica Keifrider; three nieces, Jenny Timberlin and Brandee High, both of Auburn, and Stephanie Williams of Fort Wayne; and a nephew, Brett Williams of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Rev. William Billow

STARKVILLE, Miss. — The Rev. William D. Billow, 76, died Monday. Jan. 31, 2005, at Oktibbeha County Hospital in Mississippi.

The Rev. Billow was born in Ohio and raised in Indiana.

He earned his bachelor of arts degree from Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio, in 1950, his bachelor of divinity degree from Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1954 and his master of arts degree in social work from the University of Chicago in 1967.

He was ordained as a minister in the Lutheran Church in 1954 and served as a missionary in Japan from 1954 to 1977. He was director of social work and an assistant professor at Concordia College in Seward, Neb., from 1977 to 1985. He served as pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Starkville, Miss., from 1985 until his retirement in 1993. While pastor at St. Luke, he served as Circuit 7 Counselor and was a member of the Social Ministry Committee for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Southern District.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Billow; a sister, Carol Parrish of Carrboro, N.C.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas R. Billow of Japan and Kenneth A. and Joyce Billow of Starkville; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jo and King Farris of Starkville; four grandchildren, Jamie Allison of Starkville, Jason Allison of Asheville, N.C., and Hannah Farris and Rachael Farris of Starkville; and a great-granddaughter, Kayla Dearman of Starkville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Gertrude Billow, and a sister, Jean Danchi.

A memorial service will be Monday at 3 p.m. (Indiana time) at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Starkville, Miss.

Memorials are to St. Luke Lutheran Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct a reporter's error.*

Howard Gilliam Sr.

ANGOLA — Howard E. Gilliam Sr., 92, of Angola died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at Courtland Healthcare in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gilliam was born April 21, 1912, in New Castle to Julian and Lucy (Hall) Gilliam. He was married to Lillian Irene Tonkin on Nov. 14, 1936, and she preceded him in death on June 18, 1976.

He was a sales representative for Best Metal Products, retiring in 1990. He was a member of Angola United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Howard E. Gilliam Jr. of Fort Wayne and Thomas B. Gilliam of Hudson, Ohio; two daughters, Patricia I. Merrell of Buffalo, N.Y., and Shirley L. Halizak of Fort Myers, Fla.; two sisters, Lucille Armstrong of South Carolina and Edna Post of Florida; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers and a sister.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Calling will be today from 9 to 11 a.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are to Shriners Children's Hospital, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60635, or Riley Children's Hospital, 50 S. Meridian, Suite 500, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Services Held

WOODRUFF — Services for **Myron B. Hunter** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial was in Lake Bethel Cemetery. Pallbearers were Merrill Hunter, Stanley Hunter, Wes Hunter, Bradley Keller, Tony Little and Kevin Hunter. Honorary pallbearers were Rodney Hunter and Lowell Hunter. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Guy E. Swartzlander** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at Trinity Church United Methodist with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were Dave Baker, Tom Miller, Ben Early, Delane Emerick, Ken Stark, Pat Bolman, Clark Ream, John Thrapp and Dr. Gerald Warrener. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Luanne Britten** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Church United Methodist with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Randy Sexton, Dick Conrad, Jon Britten, Bill Britten, Matthew Sexton, Jeremy Conrad, Melvin Heiniger, Stephen Britten and Zachery Britten. Honorary pallbearers were Jenni Sexton, Tiffany Conrad, Kami Conrad, Kristina Britten, Colleen Britten, Alisha Smethers, Kearsten Britten, Bryanna Britten, Alex Forrester, Alyssa Forrester and John Gloyd.

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Jeweler left his mark

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — An apt description of well-known Kendallville jeweler Guy Swartzlander was that he was "a Christian gentleman," according to his pastor, the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett of Trinity Church United Methodist.

"He was scrupulous to a fault with people and very given to detail," Hogsett noted.

Mr. Swartzlander died Jan. 26 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Swartzlander's son, Jim, retold a story shared at his father's funeral about how his dad came home from work one day unusually quiet.

"Dad didn't usually bring problems home with him," he explained. "He worked six days a week, and until 9 on Friday night, but his family was the most important thing in his life."

Jim said he pestered his dad, who finally lamented the fact that a company that did a lot of work for Swartzlander Jewelry had told him that it no longer wanted his business. It seems Mr. Swartzlander had sent a number of stones to be mounted in a special mother's ring.

"Dad had evaluated the stones and he had a way of marking them, so that he knew they were what he sent," his son said. When the ring came back, "It was beautiful, but when dad examined it, one of the stones didn't have his mark."

Mr. Swartzlander had called the company, and was told that a ruby had been damaged and replaced with a stone of like value.

"Dad knew the customer would be upset, and the company suggested he not tell her of the replacement, but of course, he did," Jim Swartzlander said.

Naturally, the woman was unhappy, but Mr. Swartzlander was just being honest about it, his son said. Then the company called to tell Mr. Swartzlander that it no longer wanted his business.

"They told him he was too picky," Jim Swartzlander said, "so he was feeling bad, and felt like he had lost on both ends.

"He very much cared about what people thought, and for that reason, when the store was closed and the stock liquidated, he insisted that prices not be marked up before being discounted.

"That sale started marked down from original prices," Jim Swartzlander said.

Hogsett noted that Mr. Swartzlander had been active in his church for 73 years, and was very interested in the history of the church.

"He was chairman of the archive committee, and so very much concerned that our records were in order. He used the same care and diligence with the Gene Stratton Porter Historical Society and the building of a visitors center there," Hogsett said.

"They only had a certain amount of money, and he had to be sure they didn't waste any of it," he explained.

Kendallville attorney John C. Thrapp recalled Mr. Swartzlander's years on the board of First Federal Savings and Loan Co., now Peoples Federal Savings Bank. He joined the board in 1964, and later became president and then chairman of the board.

"He was progressive and forward-looking, always looking for ways to benefit not only the company, but Kendallville," Thrapp said. "He wanted to grow, but to grow slow.

"I personally worked closely with him, and I admired his outlook on life, and his interest in a lot of different things," Thrapp noted.

High on his list of interests were people, with whom he loved to sit and talk, his friends and family said.

"He would have to talk to everyone in the restaurant who he knew," Jim Swartzlander recalled of family meals out. "We would just want to leave, but dad had to say hello to everyone he knew!"

All of his children recalled his love and devotion. Jim Swartzlander and his sister, Barbara, recalled wonderful camping trips, and appreciated how supportive their father was of their endeavors — Jim in music and Barbara in her love for horses.

Mr. Swartzlander's wife, Martha, recalled that while Guy loved designing and making jewelry, he longed to be a salesman. He got that opportunity after closing the family store in 1991 and working for the A.R. Jester Co. of Cincinnati, specializing in Black Hills gold.

Mrs. Swartzlander said her husband became interested in Gene Stratton Porter when they began to date in 1985. She worked at the Rome City state historical site when he asked her for a date.

That first date involved dinner and a movie, Mrs. Swartzlander said, and on the way home, she said Guy told her he had to stop by his house for a minute.

"He came out with a dozen red roses and gave them to me," she said. "I still have some of the petals."

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Guy Swartzlander posed in his newly remodeled jewelry store in 1967. Swartzlander Jewelry also sold cameras – an idea Mr. Swartzlander got during World War II while in Europe, where he shot a lot of photographs.

Knechts 'danced a beautiful ballroom dance' for 55 years

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Rhonda Banta, the third of the four daughters raised by Ina and Richard Knecht, said she would liken her parents' 55-year marriage to the ballroom dancing they loved.

"We told him, 'You danced a beautiful ballroom dance with this woman for 55 years.' We are so blessed that this woman was our mom, and so proud that our dad is getting along now that she's gone. It's hard for him to dance alone now."

Ina Knecht passed away peacefully at her home on Jan. 22 after fighting a battle with cancer.

"She was the most wonderful, loving, loving, caring woman anyone could know," said Richard, his voice catching. "I'll tell you, I had a lot of competition, because everyone who met Ina fell in love with her. But the nice thing was, she loved me."

Richard and Ina were high school classmates in Montpelier, Ohio, in the 1940s.

"We were the best of friends. We never had one date all through high school," Richard said with a smile in his voice. "After school, I joined the service and was away for two years. I came back and found her. I just thank God I found this wonderful woman. We were together for 55 years, and I'll tell you, I can't remember one bad day."

The couple raised four daughters in their home on Randolph Street, which is where they have lived since 1959. Richard said the mailman has been busy bringing cards and letters since Ina's passing.

"If you could only read all these sympathy cards and letters," he said. "They read like a broken record, all talking about how sweet and loving Ina was. The letter carrier said he doesn't know when he's delivered so many cards."

Rhonda said her mother's zest for life was infectious.

"She didn't just tie your shoes when you were a little girl, she loved to tie your shoes," she said tearing up a little. "She didn't just press your hair ribbons, she loved to press your hair ribbons. She didn't just like to go visit her friends, she loved it. She didn't just like to set a beautiful table for her family, she loved it. And these were not things she did for any attention. It was just how she felt; it was just what poured out of her."

Rhonda said if she had to describe her mother in a couple of words, they would be "quietly magical."

"She was like a little pebble in a pond," she said. "The magic just rippled out from her."

Ina's own mother died when she was only 8 years old, and Rhonda said it was that devastating loss that made Ina determined to be the best mother she could be to her four girls.

"She said, 'I'll tell you, sweetie, when you don't have a mom, you dream about what having one would be like,'" Rhonda said. "She told me she always wanted a mom, and being our mom was making her dream of what having a mom would be like come true."

Ina fell ill with ovarian cancer a couple of years ago, and had surgery in 2003. Since that time, she'd been in and out of chemotherapy treatments, and toward the end of her life, she had home health care workers coming to help look after her.

Ina was a civic-minded woman. She was a member and past president of the Psi Iota Xi Sorority of Angola, and volunteered for the Red Cross and Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

"She was also very active in our church (Calvary Lutheran in Angola)," Richard said. "We went there for almost 50 years. She was active in the woman's group there. She was one of the founders of the Christmas program we have there the first Sunday in December, Christmas at Calvary. That's been going on for 14 years. This past year, they were kind enough to dedicate the program to her. She was ill and couldn't make it."

Ill though she was, Ina never lost that sweetness that made all who knew her love her.

"When she was in the hospital, Dr. Larry Watkins was making his rounds. He came and sat on the edge of her bed, and said, 'Ina, you're the most amazing lady I've ever known. As sick as you are, you're still the same. You're never cranky.' I just thought that was a wonderful tribute to a wonderful lady."

Rhonda said she will always carry her mother's simple advice for a happy life close to her heart.

"My mom told me the secret to living a happy life is to say your prayers every day, count your blessings, and always find something to be grateful for."

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Ina and Richard Knecht were high school classmates in the 1940s. The couple married in 1949, raised four daughters and became the grandparents of six and the great-grandparents of two before Ina passed away Jan. 22.

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Lucille Weeks

ALBION — Lucille F. Weeks, 76, of Albion died at 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at her daughter's residence in Albion. She had been in declining health for the past four years.

Mrs. Weeks was retired from Group Dekko, where she worked as an inspector during several years of service. A lifetime resident of Noble County, she was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion and enjoyed bowling and crossword puzzles.

She was born June 26, 1928, in Sparta Township, Noble County, to Lyman O. and Edna (Firestone) Johnson.

She married George M. Weeks on Oct. 14, 1948, in Butler. He preceded her in death on March 27, 1983.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry J. and Sue Weeks of Churubusco, and Gary L. and Nancy Weeks and Philip M. and Alice Weeks, all of Albion; two daughters, Becky A. Weeks and Beverly S. Weeks and her fiancé, James Stull, all of Albion; three grandsons, two granddaughters, a stepgranddaughter, three great-grandsons, six great-granddaughters and three stepgreat-granddaughters; two brothers, Robert C. Johnson of Kendallville and Paul L. Johnson of Albion; and a sister, Roberta Fischer of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Johnson, and two sisters, Phyllis Joann Wells and Barbara Johnson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker will officiate. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Foundation, American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

John Nichols

KENDALLVILLE — John A. Nichols, 64, of Kendallville died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at the Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mr. Nichols retired in 2003 as a forklift driver at Dalton Foundry in Kendallville. For many years, he operated Nichols Garage, repairing cars.

He was born May 17, 1940, in Kendallville to Robert and Mary (Richards) Nichols.

He married Theresa Burns on Aug. 3, 1974, in Stroh. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Denise Miller of Kendallville, Diana and Richard Hinkle of Palmetto, Fla., and Mary Lehman of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Tiffany Nichols of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Charlotte Nichols of Kendallville; three grandsons, Coleton Terry of Avilla, Brent Hinkle of Palmetto, Fla., and Aydian Hinkle of Palmetto, Fla.; and three granddaughters, Ashley Nichols, Rebecca Nichols and Abigail Smith, all of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Linda and Marilyn.

Services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Send condolences or sign the online guest register at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Velma Rohyans

AVILLA — Velma A. Rohyans, 94, died Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a housekeeper for Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel for 26 years. She was the first woman graduate of Indiana Institute of Technology in 1932 with a degree in engineering and was honored as "Woman of the Year" by the Fort Wayne Women's Bureau.

She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, St. Mary's (Avilla) Rosary Sodality, Sacred Heart Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by four nephews, William Rohyans of New Haven, Richard Rohyans of Peru, Ill., David Rohyans of Fort Wayne and the Rev. William Kummer of Plymouth; and six nieces, Marge Anderson of Pleasanton, Calif., Mary Lou Shovlin of Fort Wayne, Margaret A. Rorick of New Haven, Diana Urick of Fort Wayne, Kay Fortman of Larwill and Karen Amstutz of Avilla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Peter Catholic Church, 518 E. Dewald St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, with a rosary service at 8 p.m., and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Masses, St. Peter Catholic Church, Provena Sacred Heart Home or Calvary Methodist Church Avilla Food Bank.

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Sarah Mast

TOPEKA — Sarah M. Mast, 98, of Topeka died at 12:20 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at Wengerd's Home Care in Goshen.

Mrs. Mast was a housewife, a member of the Old Order Amish Church and a lifetime resident of the Topeka area.

She was born Nov. 20, 1906, in LaGrange County to Manass J. and Amelia L. (Bontrager) Yoder.

She married Amos S. Mast on Feb. 2, 1926, in LaGrange County. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Perry A. and Juanita Mast of Rome City, Harley A. Mast of Arcadia, Fla., and Glen E. and Edna Mae Mast of Wawaka; a daughter, Anna Roine of Sarasota, Fla.; eight grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, three sisters and a granddaughter.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the William Beechy residence, 5175 C.R. W. 700S, Topeka. Pallbearers will be Danny Raber, Harley E. Miller, David Yoder and Harley W. Yoder. Bishop John Eash and home ministers will officiate. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the Wilbur L. Mast residence, 5105 C.R. W. 700S, Topeka.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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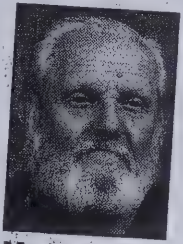
Robert Maze

GARRETT — Robert William Maze, 77, of Garrett died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at 6:10 a.m. in Hickory Creek at Kendallville Nursing Home.


Mr. Maze

Mr. Maze was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and lived in Garrett for the past 18 years. He owned Robert Maze Construction for 30 years, retiring in 1985.

Born March 11, 1927, in Anderson, he was the son of Harry and Nell (Stricker) Maze. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are three nieces, Judy Miller of Garrett, Patricia Warren of Florida and Joann Triplett of Tennessee; three nephews, Phillip Bowser of North Carolina, Richard Bowser of Garrett and Roger Bowser of Florida; 15 great-nieces and nephews, and several great-great nieces and nephews.

A brother, Ned Maze, and a sister, Roberta Bowser, preceded him in death.

Services will be Friday at 4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. A private family burial service will take place in Anderson.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Sam Wilder

HUDSON — Sam Wilder, 78, of Hudson died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at home.

Mr. Wilder was born in Van Wert, Ohio, on Feb. 16, 1926, to Sylvester and Nancy (Wilson) Wilder. He married Kathryn Northup on March 15, 1946, in LaGrange County. She survives.

He was self-employed in the excavating business and was a bus driver for Prairie Heights Community School Corp. for 30 years. He was a World War II U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Phyllis Wilder of Fremont and Douglas and Teresa Wilder of Eaton; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol Elaine and Larry Bowman of Hudson; a sister, Kathryn Cravin of Columbia, Ohio; nine grandchildren, Kelli Johnson, Kim Morrill, Karmen Rottinghaus, Tracey Dailey, Krista Bowman, Shannon McElroy, Jamie Magan and Justin Wilder; and 12 great-grandchildren, Jake and Jessica Johnson, Zander Rottinghaus, Dylan, Luke, Gunyr and Zak Morrill, Caden Bowman and Cole, Trevor Katlin and Brandi Dailey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery, where military graveside rites will be conducted.

Robert Lentini

FREMONT — Robert Lentini, 80, of Fremont died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Lentini was born Feb. 18, 1924, in Emmet County, Mich., to Sam and Catherine (Provansani) Lentini. He was married to Jean G. Hawley on Sept. 7, 1955, and she survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II. He was a Greyhound Bus driver for 30 years, retiring in 1982.

He moved to Steuben County in 1982 from Detroit. He belonged to the Steuben County Antique Power Association.

Also surviving are a brother, Dr. Nicholas Lentini of West Palm Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Vera Lentini and Rose Lewis, both of California; five nieces and four nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Joanna Wright and Anna Hood; and two brothers, Carmel and Angelo Lentini.

No services or calling will take place. Arrangements were handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Jehovah's Witness World Wide Work, P.O. Box 53, Fremont, IN 46737.

Arthur Kaufman

FREMONT — Arthur Kaufman, 93, of Fremont died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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William Garrison

FORT WAYNE — William Glenn "Wild Bill" Garrison, 51, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Garrison had worked for Levin and Sons, now Omni Source Corp., for 20 years and for the past eight years he had been an engineer for the Norfolk Southern Railroad Co.

He had attended high school in Bluffton and Kendallville and had served in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1973.

He was born June 19, 1953, in Toledo, Ohio, to Junior Garrison and Elaine (Rogers) Rose. He was raised by his grandparents, Paul and Martha Garrison of Bluffton. On Oct. 31, 1976, in Fort Wayne, he married Debra DeFord. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Joshua L. Garrison, Tim W. Garrison and Cody A. Garrison, all of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Bob Garrison of Andrews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

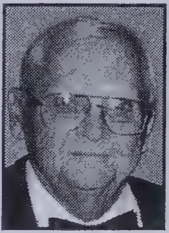
Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton. Private burial services.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Robert Crankshaw

ANGOLA — Robert Dodge Crankshaw, 80, of Lake James died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at home.


Mr. Crankshaw

Mr. Crankshaw was born Oct. 25, 1924, in Mulberry, to James Frisbee and Sally Barbara (Dodge) Crankshaw. He was married to Jane Ann (Lucas) Crankshaw on Aug. 21, 1948, and she survives.

Mr. Crankshaw grew up in Angola, where he resided until his early teens when he moved to Buffalo, N.Y., and graduated from Bennett High School in 1934. He continued his education at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Mich., graduating in 1948.

He was a Chevrolet dealer in Montpelier for 35 years, retiring in 1985. He served on the Montpelier Town Council, and was Blackford County's Republican county chairman for 17 years. In 1972, he represented Indiana as a delegate to the Republican National Convention. In 1975, Gov. Otis Bowen bestowed on him the Sagamore of the Wabash award.

He was a member of the Montpelier United Methodist Church, Montpelier Kiwanis, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and a 50-year member of the Hartford City Elks. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

He moved back to Lake James in 1985 after his retirement.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert II and Susan (Goodwin) Crankshaw of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Anne (Crankshaw) and Woody Turner of Angola; a brother, James F. Crankshaw of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and four grandchildren and their spouses, Matt and Megan Crankshaw, Adam Crankshaw, Angie (Turner) and Mike Hall, and Ryan Turner.

Services will be at noon Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and on Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice or the Cyrus and Jennie Cline Memorial Museum.

Faye Green

PLEASANT LAKE — Faye I. Green, 72, of Pleasant Lake died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Green was born Jan. 11, 1933, in Rising Sun, Ohio, to Levi and Nellie Belle Cummings. She married James C. Green on April 16, 1966, in Shererville, and he survives.

She was a nurse's aide at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital. She cared for many foster children through the years. She was a member of the Angola Assembly of God.

Also surviving are four sons, Joe L. Green of Fremont, Ray P. Green of Pleasant Lake and Andrew and Matthew Green, both of Angola; four daughters, Mona McDaniel of Irons, Mich., Shirley Green of Pleasant Lake, Michelle Rau of Edon, Ohio, and Jennifer Green of Ashley; two brothers, Glen Cummings of Shelby, Ohio and Bill Cummings of Fremont; and 16 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank and Paul Cummings.

No services of calling will be held. H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola, handled arrangements.

Frances Boyle

LAGRANGE — Frances A. Boyle, 78, of LaGrange died at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Boyle was homemaker.

She was born Jan. 1, 1927, in Scott to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bellaire. On April 20, 1945, she married Raymond Boyle. He survives.

Also surviving are six sons, Raymond Boyle Jr. of Wisconsin, Melvin Boyle of Wolcottville, Delvin Boyle of LaGrange, Chester Boyle of Fort Wayne, Jim Boyle of Auburn, and John Boyle of Marshfield, Wis.; three daughters, Betty Hamilton of Three Rivers, Mich., Judy Fields of Noblesville and Susie Casteel of Florida; four sisters; a brother; 19 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society or the Heart Association.

Ruby Rathke

ALBION — Ruby L. Rathke, 81, of Albion died at 2:48 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Patricia Dixon

BRIMFIELD — Patricia Dixon, 62, of Brimfield died at 1:44 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

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Nichalas Emerick

ELLETSVILLE — Nichalas A. Emerick, 22, of Elletsville died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, in Bloomington as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Emerick was born Nov. 29, 1982, in Steuben County to Brent Emerick and Kathy (Campbell) Emerick. He was a student at Ivy Tech State College.

He moved with his family to Bloomington in 1985. He was a member of Alvarada United Methodist Church in Alvarada, and graduated from Edgewood High School in 2001. He was active in sports. He started playing basketball at the Boy's Club in Bloomington when he was 5 years old, and continued into the AAU and Gus Macker. He was on the golf team in high school, and traveled with the Mountain Dew and Pepsi tours.

Surviving are his father and his father's fiancee, Brent Emerick and Terri Smith of Bloomington; his mother and stepfather, Kathy (Campbell) and Don France of Coatsville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Travis and Dana Emerick of Avon and Joshua Emerick of Elletsville; Terri Smith's children, Shannon, Aubree and Lindsay Smith, all of Bloomington; his grandparents, Jim and Helen Campbell of Hamilton and Joan Emerick of Angola; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Clark "Cork" Emerick.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County, with the Rev. Leonard Shaffer officiating. Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Chandler Funeral Home, Elletsville.

Memorials are to the Indiana University Golf Scholarship Fund, Indiana University, 1001 E. 17th St., Bloomington, IN 47408, attention Carol Thoren.

Lulu Bontrager

MIDDLEBURY — Lulu M. Bontrager, 83, of Middlebury died at 3:15 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Goshen General Hospital where she had been a patient since Jan. 28.

Mrs. Bontrager was a homemaker and a member of Northwood Chapel in Nappanee.

Mrs. Bontrager

She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family.

She was born July 7, 1921, in St. Joseph County to Noah and Sarah (Miller) Weaver. On June 12, 1949, in Yoder, Kan., she married Enos A. Bontrager. He died Sept. 28, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Erna and Robert Sager of Middlebury; three sons and daughters-in-law, Glen and Celia Bontrager and Dale and Karen Bontrager, all of Goshen, and Marlin and Pamela Bontrager of South Bend; a sister, Arvilla Weaver of Middlebury; a brother and sister-in-law, Arvan and Nettie Weaver of Seymour, Mo.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Griner Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Larry Pletcher and the Rev. Gordon Henke officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Work Missionary Press.

Arthur Kaufman

FREMONT — Arthur Lee Kaufman, 93, of Fremont died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Kaufman was born Oct. 16, 1911, in Branch County, Mich., to Karl and Minnie (Wohlman) Kaufman. He married Lillian M. Goddard on Jan. 1, 1940, in Detroit. She preceded him in death on June 23, 1993.

He was a dairy and crop farmer in Fremont and Scott townships, and was a former steel worker in Detroit. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, and was a 1931 graduate of Fremont High School.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Louise and George Knotek of Fremont and Karen and Harry Kaehr of Selma; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenton and Sheryl Kaufman of Fort Wayne and Brant and Connie Kaufman of Angola; a brother, Raymond Kaufman of Ray; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Emery and Elmer Kaufman; and three sisters, Lydia Stritch, Mabel Ball and Hazel Canfield.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Randy Marshall officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Jones Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Community Church of the Nazarene Building Fund, Angola, or the American Parkinson's Disease Association.

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Laverne Purkhiser

PORT HOPE, Mich. — Laverne Purkhiser, 84, of Port Hope, near Lighthouse Park, Mich., died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at her home following an extended illness.

She and her husband, Robert, owned and operated Purkhiser Rustic Cottages near Lighthouse Park from 1972 until 1989.

Mrs. Purkhiser was a gifted artist and painted many pictures. She also was a seamstress and enjoyed making clothing. She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Business and Professional Women in Bluffton. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was born Jan. 13, 1921, In Louisville, Ky., to Orville and Emma (Humphrey) Schardine. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Purkhiser of Port Hope; a son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Beth Purkhiser of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Suzy Purkhiser of Villeur Banne, France; and two grandchildren, Caitlin and Kelly.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Purkhiser, in 1982.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in the Ramsey Funeral Home, 425 State St., Harbor Beach, Mich., with Karen Bouverette, chaplain for Heartland Hospice, officiating.

Burial will be in New River Cemetery at Huron City, Mich.

Mary Conner

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Mary Garnet Conner, 77, of Hicksville died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Conner had been the manager of Thrifty Discount Store in Hicksville, retiring in 1981. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville and a 1945 graduate of Woodburn High School.

She was born Sept. 26, 1927, in Woodburn to Elmer and Edith (Hanna) Lowden.

Her husband, Bennett G. Conner, preceded her in death in 1981.

Surviving are four sons, Bill Seitz and Les Seitz, both of Hicksville, Bentley Conner of Hicksville and Jeff Conner of Auburn; a daughter, Jenny Burke of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Jerry Conner of Londonderry, N.H., a stepdaughter, Diane Meyer of Bowling Green, Ohio; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Les, Nolan and Mervil; and a sister, Josephine.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. The Rev. Tom Graves of Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hicksville Senior Center or the Crippled Children and Adult Society.

Goldie Quinn

ANGOLA — Goldie E. Quinn, 89, of Angola died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mrs. Quinn was a homemaker and a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 5, 1916, in Versailles, Ky., to Henry and Frona (Adams) Lewis.

She married Franklin G. Quinn on Dec. 26, 1937, in Versailles. He died Feb. 20, 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Cyndi Quinn of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Vickie Lewis of Fremont; a sister, Mabel Worman of Garrett; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, DeKalb Superior Court Judge Charles Quinn.

Private family services will be Thursday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. Ronald Verlee officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society, Heartland Health Care and Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

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Ruth Fisher

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth A. Fisher, 92, of Kendallville died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fisher

Mrs. Fisher was born in Baptistown, N.J., on Feb. 9, 1912.

She had been a resident at the Chandler House in Kendallville until recently, when she had been moved to Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Gary and Judy Fisher of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Art Garling of Chicago; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Harold Fisher, in 1993; and a son, John Fisher.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Auburn Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

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Ruby Rathke

ALBION — Ruby L. Rathke, 81, of Albion died at 2:48 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, in the emergency room of Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Rathke had spent most of her life in Albion and had also resided from 1968 to 1982 with her husband in Kendallville. From 1982 to 2001, the couple lived in Sebring, Fla.

She had been employed at Essex Wire in Ligonier for several years and was a homemaker.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Rathke was a talented seamstress. She loved to knit, crochet, square dance, line dance, work crossword puzzles and read.

She also enjoyed watching the many birds that visited the various feeders in her yard.

Mrs. Rathke was born June 19, 1923, in Albion to Dallas and Zelma (Williamson) Jaquay. On Aug. 23, 1941, in Kimmell, she married Omar A. Rathke. He died Sept. 30, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and John Kline of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Michele Rathke of Albion; six grandchildren, Janetta Douglas, Joanna Anis, Jon Kline, Stacey Vrba, Shana Pyle and Gavin Rathke; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be private at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Donley

Mrs. Donley

AVILLA — Ruth M. Donley, 87, of Avilla died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at her residence at Provena Sacred Heart Home, where she had resided since 1997.

Mrs. Donley had been employed at Fisher Pharmacy in Kendallville for more than 20 years. She was retired.

She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church and the former Delphian Club.

Mrs. Donley was born March 30, 1917, in Ari to George Glenn and Wava Susan (Shultz) Zinn. On Sept. 30, 1937, in Auburn, she married Ralph E. Donley. He died May 16, 1965.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and John Heyman of Albion, Jean and Roger Clark of Leo, Linda and Ernie Waldron of Sturgis, Mich., and Dawn and Mark Metz of LaGrange; three sisters, Eileen Miller of Butler, and Beverly Riccius and Thelma Zinn, both of Checotah, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Alvin Donley; a brother, Mike Zinn; and a sister, Gladys King.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Patricia Dixon

Mrs. Dixon

BRIMFIELD — Patricia Ann Dixon, 62, of Brimfield died at 1:44 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dixon was a homemaker and lifetime Noble County resident.

She enjoyed crocheting, reading and spending time with her dogs.

Mrs. Dixon was born Jan. 12, 1943, in Kendallville to Kenneth and Anna (Hofferman) Hisey. On Oct. 2, 1965, in LaGrange, she married Steve Dixon. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Rory Robbins of Brimfield and John Dixon and his fiancee, Jenell Sprunger, of Kendallville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Donald and Wanita Hisey of Auburn, Terry and Brenda Hisey of Fort Wayne and Jim Hisey of Brimfield; and a sister, Mary Jane Clouse of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Beverly Corder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with Elder Russell Hicks, and Larry Dixon and Glen Dixon officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to services Friday.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Edward Hudson

HAMILTON — Edward D. "Eddie" Hudson, 72, of Hamilton and formerly of Antwerp, Ohio, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at 8:10 p.m. in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, in the company of his family.

Mr. Hudson worked at LaFarge in Paulding, Ohio. He was a corporal in the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean War.

He attended the Hamilton Wesleyan Church and was a member of the Antwerp Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5087 and the Antwerp American Legion Post 253.

He was born Nov. 9, 1932, in Antwerp to Jack "Bud" and Helen (Coomer) Kelble. They preceded him in death.

He married Lois Ann Harp in 1952 and she died in 1954.

He married Shirley L. Mollet on June 2, 1956, in the Payne Nazarene Church. She survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Bonnie Hudson of Defiance and Scott and Angie Hudson of Antwerp; his stepmother, Lois Hudson-Anderson of New Haven; a sister, Sue Baumle of Payne, Ohio; three brothers, Tom Kelble of Fort Wayne and Don Kelble and Pud Kelble, both of Payne; eight grandchildren: and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandy Panico, and a sister, Linda Mansfield.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp, with the Rev. David Leitzel officiating.

Burial with military honors will be in Lehman Cemetery at Payne.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department or the Hamilton Wesleyan Church.

Condolences may be left at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Robert Zmyslony

GARRETT — Robert J. Zmyslony, 84, of Garrett died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at 7:50 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Zmyslony was an engineer on the B&O Railroad for 36 years before retiring in 1980. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, the Garrett Eagles, Garrett American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Oct. 2, 1920, in Garrett to John and Leona (Neubauer) Zmyslony. They preceded him in death.

He married Betty B. Rahrig on June 14, 1947, in Garrett. She died May 1, 1999.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert J. Zmyslony II and Myrna Zmyslony of Garrett; a grandson and his wife, Dominick and Wendy Zmyslony of Staten Island, N.Y.; a granddaughter and her husband, Nicole and Kenneth Stalter of Garrett; a great-granddaughter, Angelina Zmyslony of Staten Island; a sister and brother-in-law, Wanda and Richard Pedersen of Fort Wayne; three nieces; and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Zmyslony.

A memorial Mass will take place at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Ruth Rupert

LEWISTON, N.Y. — Ruth Lemmon Rupert, 90, of Lewiston died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, at St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston.

Mrs. Rupert was a native of Albion, Ind., and a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Lewiston.

She will be remembered as a talented seamstress and weaver. She was a charter member of the Niagara Weavers Guild.

Mrs. Rupert and her husband enjoyed spending time at a cabin they had built near Underwood, Ontario, on Lake Huron where they fished, hunted and vacationed for many years.

She was born March 30, 1914, in Albion to Charles D. and Fern (Hines) Lemmon. On Feb. 1, 1936, she married Harold Rupert. He died April 13, 2001.

Surviving are a sister, Harriet Hass of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Ben Lemmon of Albion.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial will be at a later date at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to the Lemmon Rupert Endowment Fund at the Noble County Community Foundation.

David Brink

FORT WAYNE — David K. Brink, 56, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at home.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Lucille Weeks

ALBION — Lucille F. Weeks, 76, of Albion, died Friday, February 4, 2005, at her daughter's residence in Albion. Mrs. Weeks had been in declining health for the last four years.

A lifetime Noble County resident, she was born June 26, 1928, in Sparta Township, to Lyman O. and Edna (Firestone) Johnson. Both are deceased.

On October 14, 1948, in Butler, IN, she was married to George M. Weeks. Mr. Weeks passed away on March 27, 1983.

Mrs. Weeks was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. She enjoyed bowling and cross word puzzles. She retired from Group Dekko as an inspector after several years of service.

She is survived by three sons, Larry J. (Sue) Weeks of Churubusco, Gary L. (Nancy) Weeks of Albion, and Philip M. (Alice) Weeks of Albion; two daughters, Becky A. Weeks of Albion and Beverly S. (fiancé James Stull) Weeks of Albion; three grandsons; two granddaughters; one step-granddaughter; three great-grandsons; six great-granddaughters; three step-great-granddaughters; two brothers, Robert C. Johnson of Kendallville and Paul L. Johnson of Albion; and one sister, Roberta Fischer of Ligonier.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Weeks was also preceeded in death by a brother, Richard Johnson and two sisters, Phyllis Joann Wells and Barbara Johnson.

Services were held on Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel with Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Nancy Tierney

WOLCOTTVILLE — Nancy Jane Tierney, 68, of Wolcottville died Thursday, February 3, 2005, at Renaissance Village in Whitley County.

Mrs. Tierney was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She had been employed in inspection at Astec Industries.

Mrs. Tierney was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City and a former member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

She was born September 10, 1936, in Ligonier to Harley and Dorothy (Dickinson) Chrisman. On February 24, 1958, in Ligonier she married James Tierney. He perceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Erick Tierney of Wawaka and Bruce Tierney of Avilla; three brothers, Ray Chrisman of LaGrange, Don Chrisman of Ligonier and Lee Chrisman of Warsaw; a sister, Barbara Leamon of Cromwell; and three grandchildren, Kate Tierney of Avilla and Libby Tierney and Shayne Tierney, both of Wawaka.

Services were held Saturday, February 5, 2005, at St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City with Father Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

For those who wish, memorials are to the Diabetes Foundation, American Heart or Cancer Society.

Cecil Bair Family

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or you sat quietly in a chair,
Perhaps you sent a floral spray, if so we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that anyone could say,
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our heats,
We thank you so much for whatever your part.

By the Cecil Bair family

Patricia Dixon

BRIMFIELD — Patricia Dixon, 62, of Brimfield died Monday, February 7, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Ruby Rathke

ALBION — Ruby L. Rathke, 81, of Albion, died Monday, February 7, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

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Velma Rohyans

AVILLA — Velma A. Rohyans, 94, died Friday, February 4, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a housekeeper for Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel for 26 years. She was the first woman graduate of Indiana Institute of Technology in 1932 with a degree in engineering and was honored as "Woman of the Year" by the Fort Wayne Women's Bureau.

She was a member of St Peter Catholic Church, St. Mary's (Avilla) Rosary Sodality, Sacred Heart Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by four nephews, William Rohyans of New Haven, IN, Richard Rohyans of Peru, IL, David Rohyans of Fort Wayne and the Rev. William Kummer of Plymouth; and six nieces, Marge Anderson of Pleasanton, CA, Mary Lou Shovlin of Fort Wayne, Margaret A. Rorick of New Haven, Diana Urick of Fort Wayne, Kay Fortman of Larwill and Karen Amstutz of Avilla.

Services were held Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Burial was in the Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to Masses, St. Peter Catholic Church, Provena Sacred Heart Home, Calvary Methodist Church or Avilla Food Bank.

Ruth Rupert

LEWISTON, NEW YORK — Ruth Lemmon Rupert, 90, of Lewiston, New York, died Tuesday, February 1, 2005, at St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston.

Mrs. Rupert was born March 30, 1914, in Albion to Charles D. and Fern (Hines) Lemmon.

Ruth died on *(what would have been)* she and her husband Harold's 69th wedding anniversary. He passed away on April 13, 2001.

She is survived by a sister, Harriet Hass and a brother, Ben Lemmon.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, a sister Vera, and brothers Bert and Robert.

Ruth had many talents, a beautiful seamstress, a charter member of the Niagara Weavers Guild in which she wove many beautiful things.

Ruth and Harold built a cabin by themselves near Underwood, Ontario on Lake Huron where they fished, hunted, and vacationed for years.

On February 12, 2005, memorial services will be held at the Messiah Lutheran church where Mrs. Rupert was a member.

She will be interred at a later date with a family memorial in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

For those who wish, memorials are to the Lemmon Rupert Endowment Fund at the Noble County Community Foundation.

George Brezovacki

COLDWATER, MI — George H. Brezovacki, 77, of Coldwater, MI, and formerly of the Bryan and Edgerton, Ohio areas died Monday, January 31, 2005, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Mr. Brezovacki was born March 27, 1927, in Rib Lake, WI, to John and Catherine (File) Brezovacki. He married Mary L. Mitchell on September 28, 1951, in Paulding, Ohio, and she survives.

Mr. Brezovacki is survived by a son, Thomas Brezovacki of Coldwater; a daughter, Patricia Rauh of Albion; two brothers, John Brezovacki of Tucson, AZ, and Jim Brezovacki of Boca Raton, FL; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

After 30 years, he retired in 1976 from the General Motors Foundry in Defiance, Ohio. He had also worked at the Sears store in Bryan for 15 years. When he moved to coldwater, he worked for Century Bank & Trust.

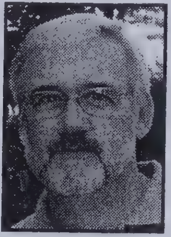
He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in the Korean War. He was also a member of United Auto Workers No. 211.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Kaye Thompson.

Services were held Friday, February 4, 2005, at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Damon Curtis officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Bruce Oesch

GOSHEN — Bruce S. Oesch, 60, of Goshen died at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at his home.



Mr. Oesch

Mr. Oesch had worked in the parts and service department at Keystone and had been employed in the RV industry for 35 years.

He was a 1962 graduate of Topeka High School.

Mr. Oesch was a member of the Christian Center in South Bend for 19 years and Abundant Life Victory Center of Nappanee for six years.

He was born July 30, 1944, in Goshen to Stanley and Arleen (Kendall) Oesch. They survive in Topeka. On June 30, 1973, at Goshen City Church of the Brethren, he married Gloria J. Brown. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Steve Lantz of Columbia City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Teri Oesch and Bradley and Traci Oesch, all of Shipshewana; two stepdaughters, Robin Parson of Goshen and Tina Slogar and her husband, Ray, of Columbus, Ohio; two stepsons, Michael Albertson of Florida and Scott Albertson and his wife, Tereana, of Goshen; a sister and brother-in-law, Lisa and Dan Garman of New Haven; 18 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by two grandsons, Spencer and Connor Oesch, and a great-grandson, Aidan Wood.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Eden Worship Center in the Old Honeyville School at 4095 S. C.R. 900W, Topeka, with the Rev. Harold D. Gingerich and the Rev. Bob Wyman officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen.

Memorials are to the Bruce Oesch Memorial care of the Eden Worship Center.

Elnora Tomlinson

ANGOLA — Elnora E. Tomlinson, 89, of Angola died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Tomlinson was born Sept. 11, 1915, in Wells County to Benjamin and Amy (Bridwell) DeWitt. She was married to Leroy "Tommy" Tomlinson, who preceded her in death on May 20, 1988.

She worked in data processing and as an order analyst at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 20 years, retiring in 1963. She was a former member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, and was the co-owner, with her husband, of the Pierceton Motel in Pierceton from 1963 to 1974.

Surviving are two nieces, Mary Lou Richards of Bluffton and Joan Brown of Portland.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Richards.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be one hour before services on Saturday.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Eulalah Siebenaler

EDON, Ohio — Eulalah O. Siebenaler, 91, of rural Edon, Ohio, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at 5:15 a.m. at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn after an extended illness.

Mrs. Siebenaler was a lifelong resident of Williams County, Ohio, and had lived in Auburn with her daughter for the past seven years.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Blakeslee, Ohio, and the Rosary Altar Society.

She was born Jan. 11, 1914, near Bryan, Ohio, to Henry E. and Orpha (Thomas) Krill.

She married Albert J. Siebenaler on May 2, 1936, in Blakeslee. He died Dec. 18, 1994.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Mary Ann Siebenaler of Blakeslee; two daughters and sons-in-law, Geraldine and Joseph Fettig of Lebanon, Ind., and Mary Alice and David McAlpin of Auburn; 10 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; two brothers, Forrest Krill of Coldwater, Mich., and Henry Krill Jr. of Bryan; and a sister, Ruby Newbauer of New Haven.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church at Blakeslee, with Father Frederick Duschl officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

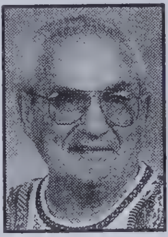
Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, 204 W. Indiana St., Edon, where a Scripture service will follow at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

An online register for condolences is available at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Lou Ross

KENDALLVILLE — Lou Ross, 71, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at his home.



Mr. Ross

Mr. Ross was an educator/guidance counselor for 39 years before retiring in 1995. He held various positions during his tenure including teacher, athletic director, principal and guidance counselor with several school systems including LaCross High School, Westville High School, Michigan City Elstown High School, North Newton High School, Barker Junior High and Columbia City High School.

He graduated from Gary Lew Wallace High School in 1952 and attended Indiana State University for one year before entering the United States Air Force for four years. Following his military service, he continued his education at Indiana State and completed his master's degree.

Mr. Ross was a member of First Presbyterian Church and the Cole Center Family YMCA in Kendallville, Columbia City Elks Lodge and was a past member of the LaCross Rotary Club and the American Legion. He had served as a CASA volunteer in Noble and LaPorte counties.

He was born March 8, 1933, in Gary to Nicholas and Elvira (Cesario) Ross. On Aug. 26, 1961, in LaPorte, he married Arlene Jeanette Anderson. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Andy and Janet Ross of Kendallville and Chris and Jennifer Ross of Brazil, Ind.; a sister, Joyce Chambon of Bicknel; and five grandchildren, Sara and Kelli Ross of Kendallville and Nicholas, Matthew and Elizabeth Ross, all of Brazil.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery in Valparaiso on Monday.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Chester Baker

FORT WAYNE — Chester C. Baker, 98, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in DeKalb County, he was in production control with INCA Fort Wayne for 23 years.

He also worked four years at the Auburn Automobile Co. and was the manager of Aluminum Center, Home Improvement for 12 years, retiring in 1972.

He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

His wife, Pauline (Klejnot) Baker, preceded him in death.

Surviving are two brothers-in-law, Joe Rager and Walter Reeht; five foster daughters; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in St. Jude Catholic Church, at East State Street and Randallia in Fort Wayne, with calling one hour before the services. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Additional calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Masses at St. Jude.

David Brink

FORT WAYNE — David K. Brink, 56, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at home.

Mr. Brink was born in Redlands, Calif., on May 10, 1948, to Kurt and Martha (Schaal) Brink. He married Rhonda Gebhart in Fort Wayne on Sept. 23, 1978. She survives.

He was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church. He retired from Perfection Bakeries after 30 years, and was involved with the Allen County Council on Aging. He was a a Fort Wayne resident for 35 years.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Chris and Jim Barlow, Leah Brink and Gina Brink, all of Fort Wayne; his father, Kurt Brink of Storm Lake, Iowa; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ken and Lois Braatz of Crown Point and Homer and Annie Roth of Normangee, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Barb Brink of Storm Lake; and three grandchildren, Baylianna Brink and Quinn and Tess Barlow.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Concordia Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Kevin Wendt officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and on Saturday one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Concordia Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice or Concordia Lutheran Church Grade School.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, was in charge of arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Ruby Rathke

ALBION — Ruby L. Rathke, 81, of Albion died at 2:48 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, in the emergency room of Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Rathke had spent most of her life in Albion and had also resided from 1968 to 1982 with her husband in Kendallville. From 1982 to 2001, the couple lived in Sebring, Fla.

She had been employed at Essex Wire in Ligonier for several years and was a homemaker.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Rathke was a talented seamstress. She loved to knit, crochet, square dance, line dance, work crossword puzzles and read.

She also enjoyed watching the many birds that visited the various feeders in her yard.

Mrs. Rathke was born June 19, 1923, in Albion to Dallas and Zelma (Williamson) Jaquay. On Aug. 23, 1941, in Kimmell, she married Omar A. Rathke. He died Sept. 30, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and John Kline of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Michele Rathke of Albion; six grandchildren, Janetta Douglas, Joanna Anis, Jon Kline, Stacey Vrba, Shana Pyle and Gavin Rathke; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be private at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Vada Walter

AUBURN — Vada Irene "Peg" (Miller) Walter, 96, of Auburn died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Mrs. Walter worked as a clerk for the Putnam County Courthouse in Greencastle and also as town clerk in Bainbridge.

She was a 64-year member of the Bainbridge Order of Eastern Star and a member of the Pieland Riley Cheer Guild of Indianapolis, County Mental Health Association and Bainbridge United Methodist Church.

She was born in Kendallville to Ambrose and Lola (Reed) Miller.

Surviving are two nephews and a spouse, William and Jeanne Geiser of Auburn and Mike Miller of Churubusco; two nieces and a spouse, Pearl and Carl Ellert of Auburn and Tanya Lowenstein of New York; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and a brother, Vilas Miller.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Victor M. Walter in 1966; and two sisters, Velma Geiser and Olive M. Davis.

Services will be at a later date.

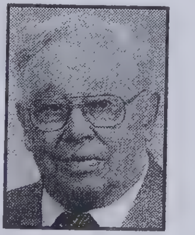
McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Elva Yoder

TOPEKA — Elva Yoder, 107, of Topeka died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at LaGrange Community Hospital.



Mr. Yoder

Mr. Yoder was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and member of Topeka Mennonite Church.

He was a farmer and his family and friends often remarked that he "lived" to farm.

Mr. Yoder was born Jan. 4, 1898, in LaGrange County to Daniel V. and Fannie (Yoder) Yoder. On Dec. 24, 1922, in Emma, he married Nellie Ruth Hostetler. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are four sons, Dwight Yoder of Vienna, Va., Maurice Yoder of Topeka, James Yoder of Newton, Kan., and Gary Yoder of Rochester; a daughter, Joan Hughes of Hamilton; a brother, Harley Yoder of LaGrange County; a sister, Violetta Mishler of LaGrange County; 20 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, William Ernest Yoder, in 1946; two brothers, Albert and Leo; and two sisters, Mable and Birdina.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Topeka Mennonite Church with the Rev. John Hockman officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Topeka Mennonite Church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

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Val Miller Jr.

AUBURN — Val J. Miller Jr., 53, of Auburn died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller was a plant operator with the city of Auburn water department. He was a member of Indian Village Church of God.

Mr. Miller

He was born in Garrett and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1969.

Mr. Miller loved sports, golf and hunting and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife, Dianne Miller of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeremy and Dawn Miller of Garrett and Matthew Miller of Auburn; four grandchildren, Chelea, Adrianne, Courtnie and Boylen Miller; his mother, Cora Beth Mortz of Hadley, Pa.; his father, Val J. Miller Sr. of Sandy Lake, Pa.; two sisters, Barbara Miller-Smith of California and MeriBeth Miller of Auburn; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Carolyn Miller of Illinois, and David and Debbie Miller of Indiana.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, at the corner of Erie Pass and Superior Drive in Auburn, with calling from 10 to 11 a.m.

Additional calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

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Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and John Kline of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Michele Rathke of Albion; six grandchildren, Janetta Douglas, Joanna Anis, Jon Kline, Stacey Vrba, Shana Pyle and Gavin Rathke; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, February 11 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be private at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Calling will be today, Thursday, February 10 from 3-7 p.m. at the church and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

Sarah Mast

Sarah M. Mast, 98, of Topeka died at 12:20 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at Wengerd's Home Care in Goshen.

Mrs. Mast was a housewife, a member of the Old Order Amish Church and a lifetime resident of the Topeka area.

She was born Nov. 20, 1906, in LaGrange County to Manass J. and Amelia L. (Bontrager) Yoder.

She married Amos S. Mast on Feb. 2, 1926, in LaGrange County. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Perry A. and Juanita Mast of Rome City, Harley A. Mast of Arcadia, Fla., and Glen E. and Edna Mae Mast of Wawaka; a daughter, Anna Roine of Sarasota, Fla.; eight grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, three sisters and a granddaughter.

Services were Tuesday, February 8 at the William Beechy residence, Topeka. Pallbearers were Danny Raber, Harley E. Miller, David Yoder and Harley W. Yoder. Bishop John Eash and home ministers officiated. Burial was in Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling was Sunday, February 6 and Monday, February 7 at the Wilbur L. Mast residence, Topeka.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lucille Weeks

Lucille F. Weeks, 76, of Albion died at 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at her daughter's residence in Albion. She had been in declining health for the past four years.

Mrs. Weeks was retired from Group Dekko, where she worked as an inspector during several years of service. A lifetime resident of Noble County, she was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion and enjoyed bowling and crossword puzzles.

She was born June 26, 1928, in Sparta Township, Noble County, to Lyman O. and Edna (Firestone) Johnson.

She married George M. Weeks on Oct. 14, 1948, in Butler. He preceded her in death on March 27, 1983.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry J. and Sue Weeks of Churubusco, and Gary L. and Nancy Weeks and Philip M. and Alice Weeks, all of Albion; two daughters, Becky A. Weeks and Beverly S. Weeks and her fiancé, James Stull, all of Albion; three grandsons, two granddaughters, a stepgranddaughter, three greatgrandsons, six great-granddaughters and three stepgreatgranddaughters; two brothers, Robert C. Johnson of Kendallville and Paul L. Johnson of Albion; and a sister, Roberta Fischer of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Johnson, and two sisters, Phyllis Joann Wells and Barbara Johnson.

Services were Tuesday, February 8 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling was Monday, February 7 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Foundation, American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

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Nancy Tierney

Nancy Jane Tierney, 68, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, at Renaissance Village in Whitley County.

Mrs. Tierney was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She had been employed in inspection at Astec Industries.

Mrs. Tierney was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City and a former member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

She was born Sept. 10. 1936, in Ligonier to Harley and Dorothy (Dickinson) Chrisman. On Feb. 24, 1958, in Ligonier she married James Tierney. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Eric Tierney of Wawaka and Bruce Tierney of Avilla; three brothers, Ray Chrisman of LaGrange, Don Chrisman of Ligonier and Lee Chrisman of Warsaw; a sister, Barbara Leamon of Cromwell; and three grandchildren, Kate Tierney of Avilla and Libby Tierney and Shayne Tierney, both of Wawaka.

Services were Saturday, February 5 at St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City with Father Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling was Friday, February 4 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Doris Stahly

Doris E. Stahly, 85, of Cromwell died at 6:10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Stahly was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She was a homemaker and had worked at the former Wirk Garment Co.

Mrs. Stahly was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church. She had been active in the church's Women's Association and the Lady Elks. She enjoyed playing bridge and wintering in Florida.

For the past several years, the highlight of her week had been spending Friday nights with her sons.

Mrs. Stahly was born May 5, 1919, in Noble County to Walter W. and Laura Alice (Miller) Knepper. On July 27, 1940, in Wawaka, she married Fred Stahly. He died in 1990.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Karen Stahly of Cromwell, Richard and Ellen Stahly of Auburn and Randy and Linda Stahly of Marion; a sister, Thelma Black of Wilmot; six grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Knepper, and an infant.

Services were Sunday, February 6, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Stan Wilson officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling was also Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Austin Hayes

Austin M. Hayes, 2, of Ligonier died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was the son of Charles A. and Nancy L. (Binkley) Hayes of Sparta Lake near Ligonier.

He was born May 12, 2002, in Kendallville.

Surviving with his parents are a brother, Tyler Binkley, at home; his paternal grandfather, Archie Hayes of White Pigeon, Mich.; his paternal grandmother, Marjorie J. Hayes of White Pigeon; his maternal grandmother, Holly Jefferson of Wolcottville; his maternal grandfather, Stephen Binkley of Wolcottville; his maternal great-grandmother, Bonnie Jefferson of Bronson, Mich.; his paternal great-grandmother, Marjorie E. Hayes of White Pigeon; and his paternal great-grandfather, Junior and Marjorie Hawkins of Constantine, Mich.

Services were Saturday, February 5 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Father Charles Mullen officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Casketbearers were Archie Hayes, Stephen Binkley, Adam Jefferson and L.J. Conley.

Calling was also on Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Drucilla Combs

BUTLER — Drucilla K. "Dru" Combs, 55, of rural Butler died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Combs worked as a group leader at Magnavox Corp. for 13 years. She was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church at Golden Lake. She belonged to the 19th Indiana Civil War Re-enactment Co. A, 30th Indiana Civil War Re-enactment Co. F, 32nd Indiana Civil War Re-enactment Co. B and 50th Virginia Civil War Re-enactment Co.

She was born Jan. 14, 1950, in Auburn to Robert P. and Ida O. (Estis) DeMint. Her father survives in Butler and her mother preceded her in death.

She married Claude L. Combs Sr. on Jan. 14, 1967, in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Claude L. Combs Jr. and Melody Combs of Garrett, and Xavier K. Lane, Zachary M. Lane and Yorick L. Lane, all of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Drucilla "Jeanie" and Jeff Kunce of Auburn; two brothers, Harold Wayne DeMint of California and Robert E. "Bobby" DeMint of Auburn; and three grandchildren, M.E. Kunce, Rudy J. Combs and Brad S. Kunce.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Rick Davis will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery at Golden Lake.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Lane Children Trust Fund.

Shirley Patrick

HOWE — Shirley Mae Patrick, 61, of Howe died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at her home.

She had retired from Pent in Rome City and was a member of the LaGrange Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Feb. 8, 1944, in Eddyville, Ill., to William and Myrtle (Burns) Whitlock.

Surviving are four sisters, Brenda Webster of Topeka, Bonnie Moran of LaGrange, Betty Poling of Howe and Tina Johnson of White Pigeon, Mich.; three brothers, James Whitlock of Kentucky and Murray Whitlock and Dennis Whitlock, both of Howe; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Larry and Lowell Whitlock; a niece; and a great-nephew.

Services will be at noon Saturday at LaGrange Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Steven McKee officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Church of the Nazarene.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange was in charge of arrangements.

Rosemary Mathew

LIGONIER — Rosemary Mathew, 87, of Ligonier died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Mathew

Mrs. Mathew was a lifetime resident of the Ligonier and Topeka areas.

She had been an elementary school teacher at Topeka, Honeyville, Ligonier and North Side schools.

Mrs. Mathew was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She enjoyed working crossword puzzles, playing pinochle, golfing, bowling and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a devoted fan of Indiana University sports.

Mrs. Mathew was born May 18, 1917, in Topeka to Fred and Dessie (Fought) Roy. On April 19, 1942, in Topeka she married Richard J. Mathew. He died in 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Darlene Mathew of Syracuse; a daughter and son-in-law, Margery A. and Carl Kavanaugh of Ligonier; two sisters, Ginny Ulmer of De Leon Springs, Fla., and Jane Sponseller of Angola; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and four brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Association or to Ligonier United Methodist Church.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Val Miller Jr.

AUBURN — Val J. Miller Jr., 53, of Auburn died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was a plant operator with the City of Auburn water department and a member of Indian Village Church of God. He loved sports, golf, hunting and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He was born Aug. 18, 1951, in Garrett and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1969.

He married his wife, Dianne Miller, on Oct. 24, 1970, in Butler. She survives.

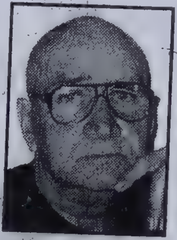
Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeremy and Dawn Miller of Garrett and Matthew Miller of Auburn; four grandchildren, Chelsea, Adrianne, Courtnie and Baylen Miller; his mother, Cora Beth Martz of Hadley, Pa.; his father, Val J. Miller Sr. of Sandy Lake, Pa.; two sisters, Barbara Miller-Smith of California and MeriBeth Miller of Auburn; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Carolyn Miller of Illinois, and David and Debbie Miller of Indiana.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, at the corner of Erie Pass and Superior Drive in Auburn, with calling from 10 to 11 a.m. Additional calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

Max Shelmadine

CHURUBUSCO — Max Russell Shelmadine, 69, of Churubusco died at 3 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Shelmadine

Mr. Shelmadine had retired from Dana Corp. He served in Korea with the Marine Corps.

Mr. Shelmadine enjoyed fishing and cooking and spending time outside with his dog, Teddy.

He was born Oct. 23, 1935, in Whitley County to Ray W. and Ruth M. (Underwood) Shelmadine. On June 13, 1958, in Columbia City he married Elizabeth C. Rollins. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Max Jr. and Gloria Shelmadine of Chesapeake, Va., Michael and Pam Shelmadine of Fort Wayne and William and Carrie Shelmadine of Columbia City; four brothers, Ron Shelmadine of Columbia City, Dick Shelmadine and Jim Shelmadine, both of Fort Wayne, and Ray Shelmadine of Mexico; two sisters, Connie Miller of New Carlisle, Ohio, and Willodene Saner of Silver Lake; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

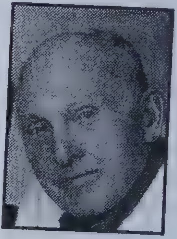
Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco with Pastor Rick VanHorn officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Thomas Bireley

ANGOLA — Thomas D. Bireley, 79, of Angola died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at his home.


Mr. Bireley

He owned Bireley Construction for 55 years, retiring in 1994. He earned the Bronze Star serving in the U.S. Army during World War II when he fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of Orland Congregational Church.

He was born Aug. 15, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Ora and Sadie (Mills) Bireley. On June 7, 1947, he married Mary Louise Roth, his wife of 57 years, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Thomas and Kris Bireley of Mirriam, Michael and Debbie Bireley of Terre Haute, Steven and Pat Bireley of Angola, Kevin Bireley and his companion, Linda, of Hamilton and Scott and Denise Bireley of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Jim Chebowski of Angola; a brother, Jim Bireley of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lois Winkleman of Tucson, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Steuben County, with graveside military rites by Angola American Legion Post No. 31. Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Health Care.

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Larry Bassett

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Larry W. Bassett, 56, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at his home after a two-year battle with cancer.

Mr. Bassett was employed as a welder at Vulcraft in St. Joe. He was a member of Central Mennonite Church in Fort Wayne.

He graduated from Woodlan High School in 1966 and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam from 1968-1969.

He was born June 15, 1948, in Antwerp, Ohio, to Basil and Alice (Winters) Bassett. They preceded him in death.

He married Della Miller on Aug. 19, 1972, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Brian Tope of Paulding, Ohio; two sons, Eric of Napoleon, Ohio, and his companion, Jessica Bayliss, and Brian of Hicksville and his companion, Jamie Savage; two grandchildren, Megan and Logan Tope; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Carol and Jerry Gambrell of Stony Ridge, Ohio, and Janice and John Campbell of Fort Wayne; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Duane and Sheila and Dave and Michelle, all of Hicksville, and Jim and Joy of Hamilton.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Central Mennonite Church, 5801 Schwartz Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Don Delagrange officiating. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery at Hicksville.

Calling will be today from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 2 to 9 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville.

Elvira Villa

LIGONIER — Elvira R. Villa, 71, of Ligonier died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at the home of a son.

Mrs. Villa had lived in Ligonier for three years and was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 29, 1933, in Tabasco, Sacatecas, Mexico, to Nicolas and Consuelo (Ramirez) Rodriguez.

Surviving are her husband, Ramon of Ligonier; five sons, Salvador Villa, Jesus de Jesus Villa and Santiago Villa, all of Ligonier, Nicolas Villa of Sacramento, Calif., and Manuel de Jesus Villa of Mexico; five daughters, Gillermina Rubalcaba and Martina Villa, both of Ligonier, and Ramona Villa, Guadalupe Villa and Maria de Jesus Villa, all of Mexico; two brothers, Nicolas Rodriguez of Washington and Ruben Rodriguez of Florida; and two sisters, Angelina Rodriguez and Consuelo Rodriguez, both of Mexico.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

Preston Slone

KENDALLVILLE — Preston Slone, 87, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Slone had been a coal miner in Kentucky for more than 25 years before moving to Kendallville in 1954. He was then employed for more than 20 years at Warner Gear in Auburn. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Slone was a member of VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He was born Sept. 24, 1917, in Wayland, Ky., to Ike and Lorraine Slone. He married Mavis Sloan on Aug. 25, 1948, in Hindman, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara and Dennis Riley and Carol Slone, all of Kendallville; a sister, Phyllis Hatfield of Ohio; and two grandsons, Nathan and Kevin Riley of Kendallville.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Elder Morris Wicker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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City historian Russell Frehse dies at 95

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KENDALLVILLE — Local historian and one of Kendallville's most inspiring citizens Russell Frehse died unexpectedly Friday. He was 95.

"What a loss to our community," said Kendallville Mayor Suzanne Handshoe. "It's a sad day for Kendallville. He will really be missed."

In March 2003, Mr. Frehse was named Citizen of the Year by the Kendallville Area Chamber of Commerce. He spent 18 months authoring a 100-year history of the Noble County Courthouse, which is now available at the Noble County Public Library in Kendallville.

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Mr. Frehse authored many historical articles that appeared in The News-Sun over the years. He spent 16 years on the board of directors at the Kendallville Public Library and was an active member of the Indiana Genealogical Society.

Mr. Frehse was born in Dubois County near Huntingburg on Nov. 9. 1909. He came to Kendallville at age 10 and graduated from Kendallville High School in 1928. In 1936, he earned his bachelor of science degree from the Indiana University School of Commerce. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1942 to 1945 in World War II as a staff sergeant with the 353rd Bomb Squad. For 33 years, he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad in the sales department as a buyer of rights of way. He worked in Grand Rapids and Detroit, Mich., Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Roanoke, Va., and Charleston, W.Va., before retiring in 1970.

Mr. Frehse

"Kendallville has lost one of its finest citizens," said Terry Housholder, publisher of The News-Sun, who worked on various community projects with Mr. Frehse over the years. "Russell loved Kendallville. He enjoyed its history and did more to preserve it than anyone. But he was also concerned about the future of the city and he voiced his opinions on how to improve it. He was a big advocate of libraries and spent countless hours serving on the board of the Kendallville Public Library.

"Russell felt the citizens of Kendallville should be proud of its history and he worked earnestly to preserve the past for future generations," said Housholder. "He was the source of numerous historic articles in The News-Sun over the years. He also was the inspiration for me to work toward getting downtown Kendallville on the National Register of Historic Places. I was so pleased that we got it accomplished a year ago while he was still in good health."

Mr. Frehse always had an interest in history and stopped by the local libraries in the cities he visited to find out what the city was all about and who lived there.

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He was a bachelor until the age of 28, when he married Doris Jean Sallady, a school teacher in Portsmouth, Ohio. That marriage ended in divorce, and Mr. Frehse never married again.

"Russell was a true historian," said News-Sun columnist and Noble County historian Bob Gagen.

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ISTORIAN: *Frehse discovered true namesake of Noble County, James Noble*

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He recalled how Mr. Frehse's ligent research was instru- ental in changing Noble unty history.

History texts describe how ble County was supposedly med after Gov. Noah Noble, t Mr. Frehse discovered that ble County was actually med after Noble's older other James Noble, the state's st U.S. senator.

"Russell went to the state chives in Indianapolis, looked ough documents and minutes meetings when Indiana came a state in 1816 and und the evidence that Noble unty was named after James ble, who served in the U.S. nate from 1816 to 1830," said gen. "Russell was like that. questioned and looked for swers himself."

Dave Knopp, executive director of the Noble County Community Foundation, said Mr. Frehse will be remembered for his generosity as well as his knowledge.

"Russell Frehse has a deep affection for Noble County that came through in his passion for local history," Knopp said. "That passion made him vibrant and lively right up to the end, and just a couple months ago he took the time to set up a scholarship fund at the community foundation in memory of his parents."

Mr. Frehse's latest project was helping a group of local citizens create a Kendallville Heritage Center, according to Ray Scott, a member of the group.

"Russell attended all the meetings. He was walking Kendallville history," said Scott. The group is establishing bylaws and looking for a building for the center.

"Part of our motivation was to give Russell peace of mind that his collection of local historical materials would be preserved," said Scott.

"I will not forget the last time I saw Russell," said Housholder. "It was at a recent meeting of a small group of community leaders who were looking to establish a permanent home for historic artifacts of Kendallville. Russell was very interested in the project. It was a longtime aspiration of his to see it established. I think all of us who were there will redouble our efforts to see Russell's last dream come true."

Mr. Frehse also led the campaign to restore the fallen William Mitchell monument in Lake View Cemetery. He considered Mitchell the "father of Kendallville."

He loved to pass on his local historical knowledge to anyone who asked, but made sure he supported his comments with references to documented evidence, whether it was a yellowed, aged newspaper article or a page from a historical text.

Mr. Frehse made several visits to Mayor Handshoe's office since she became mayor in January 2004. Every old photo she showed him he was able to identify and say at what event it was taken.

"He just had a plethora of knowledge for the city Kendallville," said Handshoe.

STAFF REPORTER *Jamie Lemke-Barrand contributed to this story.*

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Lillian E. Hart** were held at 11 a.m. Wedneday, Feb. 2, at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Robert Shriner officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kevin Hart, Craig Hart, Jeff Hart, Dan Hart, Mike Hart, Bruce Hart, Richard Hart and Joe Hart. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ALBION — Services for **Lucille Weeks** were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Pallbearers were Travis Weeks, Bob Weeks, Barry Weeks, Eric Johnson and Dick Johnson.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ruth Donley** were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Toole officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mark Metz, Mark Donley, Shane Blotkamp, Shane Grantham, Evan Metz, Jon Householder and Scott Blotkamp.

Brice Held

ALBION — Brice Held, 3 days old, of Albion died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Brice was born Feb. 5, 2005, in Kendallville to Danna Held of Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Justen Thomas "JT" Bowman, at home; maternal great-grandmothers Linda Bowman of Albion and Dorothy Conley of LaOtto; maternal grandmother Barbara Bowman of LaOtto; and maternal grandfather Kent Bowman of Garrett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

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Kendallville historian Russell Frehse, 95, dies

KENDALLVILLE — Russell F. Frehse, 95, of Kendallville, a well-known local historian and 2003 Kendallville Citizen of the Year, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Frehse

Mr. Frehse was born in Dubois County near Huntingburg on Nov. 9. 1909, to Wesley and Amelia Frehse. He came to Kendallville at age 10 and attended the one-room Roberts School House east of Kendallville as a boy, and later the old Riley School on Riley Street. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1928, and in 1936, earned his bachelor of science degree from the Indiana University School of Commerce.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1942 to 1945 in World War II. He was a staff sergeant with the 353rd Bomb Squad.

For 33 years, he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad in the sales department as a buyer of rights of way. He worked in Grand Rapids and Detroit, Mich., Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Ohio, Roanoke, Va., and Charleston, W.Va., before retiring in 1970.

He was a member of the Noble County Historical Society, and a past board member of the Kendallville Public Library. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce in 2003.

He was a member of Faith Baptist Church, Kendallville.

There are no survivors.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Gertrude Murfield

FORT WAYNE — Gertrude "Trudie" Murfield, 81, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Covington Manor Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Murfield was born in Fort Wayne, and was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and Rosary Sodality and the Bowser Women's Club.

Surviving are a son, Tom Murfield of Auburn; two daughters, Sharon Murfield of Fort Wayne and Kathryn Murfield of Noblesville; a grandson, Andy Murfield of Auburn; three granddaughters, Katy Murfield of Auburn and Olivia and Lauren Murfield, both of Noblesville; and a brother, Paul Martin of New London, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford, in 1993; and a son, James Murfield, in 1994.

Services will be at noon Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, Fort Wayne, with vigil at 4:30 p.m., and also one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the St. Jude Scholarship Fund.

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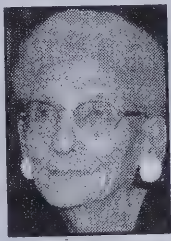
Willodean Whiteman

COLUMBIA CITY — Willodean D. Whiteman, 83, of Columbia City died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne. She was born in Noble County on Jan. 2, 1922, to Arnie and Hazel (Birch) Geiger, where she lived until 1992 when she moved to Columbia City.



Mrs. Whiteman

She attended school at Wolf Lake High School and then married LeRoy D. "Pete" Whiteman on Nov. 15, 1941, in Churubusco. He preceded her in death.

She was employed at Blue Bell Inc. in Columbia City for 30 years. Her memberships included Eagles Auxiliary No. 1906 in Columbia City. She was an avid bingo player and she loved to dance.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Roy "Mike" and Lee Whiteman of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and David Hawn of Columbia City; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Day Geiger, and two stepbrothers, Clarence and J.C. Scoby.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Dan Carlson of Wolf Lake Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Noble County.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home, and members of Eagles Auxiliary No. 1906 will present a twilight memorial service at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home.

Condolences can be left online at www.demoney-grimes.com.

Jesse Glenn

WATERLOO — Jesse K. Glenn, 72, of Waterloo died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Glenn worked for Mills Homes in Butler until his retirement in 1983.

He was born Sept. 8, 1933, in McKee, Ky., to Frank and Florie (Roland) Glenn. His parents preceded him in death.

He married his wife of 53 years, Rene Glenn, on April 9, 1951, in Richmond, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Kathy Glenn of Butler and Jesse and Tammy Glenn of Hamilton; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dianne and Dennis Ellert of Waterloo, Kathy and Mike Crowl of Waterloo and Robin Glenn of Grabill; two sisters, Effie Walls of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Marie Disher of Peebles, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael Anthony Glenn.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Don Harris officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information about relatives.*

Drucilla Combs

BUTLER — Drucilla K. "Dru" Combs, 55, of rural Butler died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Combs worked as a group leader at Magnavox Corp. for 13 years. She was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church at Golden Lake. She belonged to the 19th Indiana Civil War Re-enactment Co. A, 30th Indiana Civil War Re-enactment Co. F, 32nd Indiana Civil War Re-enactment Co. B and 50th Virginia Civil War Re-enactment Co.

She was born Jan. 14, 1950, in Auburn to Robert P. and Ida O. (Estis) DeMint. Her father survives in Butler and her mother preceded her in death.

She married Claude L. Combs Sr. on Jan. 14, 1967, in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Claude L. Combs Jr. and Melody Combs of Garrett, and Xavier K. Lane, Zachary M. Lane and Yorick L. Lane, all of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Drucilla "Jeanie" and Jeff Kunce of Auburn; two brothers, Harold Wayne DeMint of California and Robert E. "Bobby" DeMint of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Ashley M.E. Kunce, Rudy J. Combs and Brad S. Kunce.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Tina M. Lane.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Rick Davis will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery at Golden Lake.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Lane Children Trust Fund.

Irene McClement

KENDALLVILLE — Irene Frances McClement, 79, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. McClermont

Mrs. McClement was born in Chicago on Jan. 1, 1926, to John and Mildred (Patterson) Pusateri. She married Charles James "Chuck" McClement on June 28, 1947, in Chicago, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 28, 1996, in Fort Myers, Fla.

She was employed as a dispatcher with the Kendallville Police Department in the 1960s and 1970s. She was a member of the Women of the Moose, Post No. 551 in Fort Myers, and was a past member of the Elks Lodge Auxiliary in Garrett and the American Legion Auxiliary, Post No. 381 in Rome City. She also volunteered her time every day at the Early Adventures Childcare.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Roxanna McClement of Rome City; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy and Gary Fisher of Kendallville, Kim and Mark Leitner of Avilla and Laura and Dave Tarman of New Paris; 15 grandchildren and spouses, Erin McClement, Misty and Matt Coplin, Stacey Hall, Andrea Hall, Amy Hall, Angela and Billy Stevenson, Steven Pyle, Aaron Fisher, Christi Fisher, Amanda Leiter, Calvin and Hillary Leiter, Crystal and William Warner, Todd Burton, Sarah Tarman and David Ian Tarman; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Christopher Tarman, on Feb. 20, 2003.

Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Bob Shriner officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Early Adventures Child Care.

Paul Schurr

HUDSON — Paul Schurr, 90, of Hudson died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at 9:49 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Schurr was a resident of Hudson for 60 years. He and his wife, Ruby, owned and operated the Schurr Strike Bait Co. in Helmer, now known as The Angler.

He was born April 21, 1914, in Garrett to John George Schurr and Alda Schurr. They preceded him in death.

He married Ruby Tuttle on Feb. 6, 1937, in Auburn. She died Oct. 12, 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Judith Schurr of Hudson; a grandson and his wife, Kelly and Marlene Schurr of Coldwater, Mich.; and a stepgreat-grandson, Preston Berry of Coldwater.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Bill Lepley of Grabill Missionary Church officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Violet Surfus

AUBURN — Violet Irene Surfus, 88, of Auburn died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at her daughter's home in Auburn.

Mrs. Surfus was a homemaker. She attended the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Surfus

She was born Aug. 15, 1916, in Spencerville to Charles F. and Edna V. (Johnson) Haifley. They preceded her in death.

She married G. Robert Surfus on April 9, 1941. He died May 25, 1990.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Kathy Surfus of Naples, Fla., and Robert and Brenda Surfus of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Steve Davis of Rogers, Ark., and Dana and Jerry Akey of Auburn; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jamie Akey, and a sister, Helen Beck.

Services will be Monday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Donavan Coley officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

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Thelma Malhoit

ANGOLA — Thelma M. Malhoit, 86, of Angola and formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Toledo Hospital.

She was a credit manager at Sears Westgate for 25 years. She was a member of Cap's Social Club at Crooked Lake, loved animals and living at the lake. She also loved traveling and took her dream vacation to Hawaii last August. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Madeline A. and Eberhard Albach of Madisonville, Tenn.; a son and daughter-in-law Robert K. and Melody Kischkau of Toledo; grandchildren Michael and Suzanne Albach, Rebecca Carlen, Jennifer Showen, Jeanne Kischkau, and Vickie Adams; three great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and other family members Cliff and Tracy Malhoit, Thomas and Kimberly Malhoit, Sharon and Ed Logan, Sandy Malhoit; and several stepgrandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Charles and Madeline Winters; husbands Karl R. Kischkau and Clifford Malhoit; sisters Phyllis Walsh and Beatrice "Betty" Toth; and a brother, Charles Winters.

Services will be at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road, Toledo, followed by Mass at St. James Church. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with a Rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Toledo Humane Society or the American Cancer Society.

Lester Smith

HAMILTON — Lester O. Smith, 86, of Hamilton, died at 7:40 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

He was a lifelong farmer and was a carpenter for Witmer Homes.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Angola American Legion Post 31.

He was born Aug. 25, 1918, in DeKalb County to Emmitt P. and Fawn (Echenrode) Smith. On Oct. 1, 1941, in Bryan, Ohio, he married Vera M. Musser, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Leroy A. and Jackie Smith of Hamilton; one brother, Richard Smith of Howard, Colo.; and a grandchild, Kim Quidort of Fredricksburg, Va.

Preceding him in death were his parents; three brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with burial in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Diana Wilson

PARMA, Mich. — Diana Marie (Boyer) Wilson, 62, of Parma, Mich., died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at her home.

She was bookkeeper for 19 years at Western School, and she served as secretary and treasurer and was an active member of the First Church of Christ, Christian, of Jackson, Mich.

She loved to spend time at her summer cottage on Portage Lake, loved trips to California and Tennessee and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She was born Nov. 8, 1942, in Angola to Donald and Bessie (Noll) Boyer. She was married for 42 years to Donald Lee Wilson, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Thomas Williamson of Fairfield, Calif., and Karrie and Randall Polle of Franklin, Tenn.; grandchildren Kristine, Dana, Patrick and Rachael; her mother of Angola; a sister, Louann Gaff of Angola; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerald "Buck" and Linda Boyer of Angola and Richard "Rick" and Denise Boyer of Angola; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death was her father; and a sister, Donna Boots.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Michael Mason officiating. Burial will be at Block Cemetery.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Christian, of Jackson, or the hospice of Jackson and Oaklawn.

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Faith, love for family directed Mr. Schmidt's life

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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WEST OTTER LAKE — Doyle Schmidt's wife said if people remembered one thing about her husband, she would like it to be that he was a man of family and faith.

Mr. Schmidt passed away Feb. 3 after a long battle with heart disease and diabetes. He was 82.

Mr. Schmidt met his high school sweetheart, Catherine Buss, while they were both students at Hudson School. Mr. Schmidt was an eighth-grader; Catherine a seventh-grader.

"He had just moved to the area," Catherine remembered. "We were neighbors. I always thought a lot of him and we were friends, but we didn't start dating until we were in high school."

The couple celebrated their 62nd anniversary this past Sept. 13.

"We were married 62 years, four months and 20 days," Catherine said.

Over those years, months, and days, the Schmidts became the parents of three children, the grandparents of 13 and the great-grandparents of 10.

"There are two more (great-grandchildren) on the way, too," Catherine said. "Our family keeps expanding."

Mr. Schmidt attended the Hudson United Brethren Church, where he was a very active and enthusiastic member.

"He was always ready to share his faith in God and his savior, the Lord Jesus Christ," Catherine said.

Catherine said her husband was hospitable, and that he loved to entertain.

"He loved people," she said. "He loved his church, and he loved his children and grandchildren."

The Schmidts didn't have friends and a social circle only in Hudson. After Mr. Schmidt's retirement in 1982, the couple spent their winters in Florida, where they also had a host of good friends, Catherine said.

"He enjoyed sports," she added. "Fishing, basketball, baseball, horseshoes ... you name it, he played it."

In an obituary Catherine wrote shortly after her husband's death, she said, "Doyle's family will remember him as a kind, loving husband, father and grandfather who never knew a stranger. We must not grieve today, for Grandpa Doyle has just gone home."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Jim Schmidt looks on as his father, Doyle, holds Jim's son, Brian, in this 1983 family photo. Doyle, who loved being a father and grandfather, passed away Feb. 3 after a lengthy battle with heart disease and diabetes.

Kaiser Martin

FORT WAYNE — Kaiser C. Martin, 91, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A native of Jackson, Ky., he was a stockman at International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1974. He was a member of the Wallen Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Flossie (Arnett) Martin of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Addie and Max Lowe of Topeka; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Kathy Martin of Springfield, Ohio; grandchildren Mike Lowe of Grabill, Scott Lowe of Columbia City, and Matt Lowe of Topeka; several great-grandchildren; and a sister, Edna Taulbee of Stanton, Ky.

Preceding him in death were brothers Alvie, Arly and Herbert; and sisters Carrie, Lizzie, Annie and Roz.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is noon to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Lucille Butcher

LAGRANGE — Lucille Marie Butcher, 76, of LaGrange and formerly of Wolcottville, died at 7:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, where she had been a patient since Monday.

She retired in 1990 from Pent Assemblies where she was a machine operator.

She was born Aug. 17, 1928, in Ligonier, to Orsan Chester and Gladys Lucille (Smith) Moore. She married Robert DeWitt Butcher July 10, 1953, in Brimfield.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Ann and David Bryan of LaGrange; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Dorothy Deetz of Helmer and Alta Acres of Columbia City.

Preceding her in death were her husband in 1996; a sister, Edna Mae Woodard; and two brothers, Herman and Orsan Moore.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating.

Calling is from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery.

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Mary Robbins

LIGONIER — Mary Bernice "B" Robbins, 95, the 2001 Cromwell Co-Citizen of the Year, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier. She had suffered a stroke Jan. 8.

Mrs. Robbins

Mrs. Robbins lived in Cromwell for the past 71 years.

She was a beautician and worked at Gerard's Beauty Salon in North Webster for a number of years. She had also worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier and assisted her husband at Cromwell Advance Printing.

Mrs. Robbins was a member of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cromwell. She was past president of the Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club and the Elkhart County Bonsai Club. She was a past worthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star.

She was known for her flower garden and bonsai achievements. She also enjoyed crafts.

Mrs. Robbins was born July 9, 1909, in Kosciusko County to John and Mary Margaret (Puntenny) Elder. On Dec. 25, 1932, in North Webster, she married Donald C. Robbins. He died in September 1974.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Greta and Jim Wallace of Cromwell; two granddaughters and their husbands, Ren and Kerry Sprunger of Topeka and Ranell and David Enders of Bettendorf, Iowa; a grandson, Rock Wallace of Kendallville; six great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; two nieces, Carol Grinter of Florida and Diane Gregerson of Michigan; and one nephew, Robert Robbins of Michigan.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Russell Elder; and a granddaughter, Robin Wallace Patterson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Calvary Evangelical Church in Cromwell.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Calvary Evangelical Church, P.O. Box 298, Cromwell, IN 46732.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Muriel Mills

ELKHART — Muriel Joye Gibson Mills, 84, of Elkhart died at 2:18 a.m. Sunday at her home where she had lived since October 1998.

She was raised in Richmond, Va., and lived in Indiana more than 50 years.

Mrs. Mills was a homemaker and former member of the Veedersburg, Ind., United Methodist Church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Friday Study Club, Book Lovers Club and MaMaRu. She enjoyed collecting antiques, reading, sewing and public speaking.

She was born July 24, 1920, in Richmond to Terrice and O'Dell (Williford) Gibson. On Dec. 5, 1942, she married Gordon Dean Mills. He died Oct. 20, 1991.

Surviving are three daughters two sons-in-law, Lynda and John McKee of Middlebury, Martha and Glenn Michaels of Tucson, Ariz., and Judith McCarthy of San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, and a son-in-law.

Family graveside services will be held at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Covington, Ind.

Memorials are to the Veedersburg Public Library, 408 N. Main St., Veedersburg, IN 47987.

Zelma Keyes

FORT WAYNE — Zelma E. Keyes, 92, of Fort Wayne died at 10:07 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Keyes had lived in Converse from 1946 until moving to Fort Wayne in 2003.

She had worked at Graham Ford for 15 years as a bookkeeper.

Mrs. Keyes had been a member of Converse United Methodist Church since 1946 where she had served as Sunday school superintendent, on the executive committee, been a trustee and had been a member of the choir and in charge of special music.

She had been a member of Eastern Star since 1959 and was a past matron and grand representative.

She was born April 26, 1912, in Huntington to Arthur and Lockey Hoag. On March 20, 1942, she married John A. Keyes. He died in July 1996.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marsha L. and Alan Gael of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, John A. II and Connie Keyes of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Danielle Gael of Houston, Texas, Jessica Gael of Indianapolis, Tyson Keyes of Fort Wayne, Timothy Keyes of Kendallville, Staci Bruce and her husband, Joel, of El Paso, Texas, and Lanisa Dodson and her husband, John, of Avilla; three great-grandchildren, Taylor Dodson, Conner Bruce and Emma Bruce; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Converse United Methodist Church, 109 E. Wabash, Converse, with the Rev. Bob Preusz officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery in Converse.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse, with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Converse United Methodist Church.

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Florose Koenig

AUBURN — Florose E. Koenig, 82, of Auburn died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Koenig worked in voter registration at the clerk's office in the Steuben County Courthouse for several years. She retired in 2002.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn and the Republican Women's Club.

She was born Jan. 13, 1923, in Fort Wayne.

Her husband, Edward A. Koenig, preceded her in death on Oct. 28, 1999.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, the Rev. Stephen Koenig and Patricia of Clinton, Miss., the Rev. Kevin Koenig and Elizabeth of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Mark and Sue Koenig of Auburn and Craig Koenig of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Mark Kern of Sulphur, La., and Kim and Rowland Perez of Auburn; her stepmother, Rudy Gantt of LaGrange; a sister, Sharon Swoveland of Celina, Ohio; a stepbrother, Bobby Hayward of Helmer; two half sisters, Shirley Garrison of Hudson and Patty White of Wolcottville; 17 grandchildren, Elizabeth "Beth" Zeller of Knoxville, Tenn., Jill Koenig of Jackson, Mich., Alexander Koenig of Austin, Texas, Josh Koenig of New York, N.Y., Jenny Koenig of Gainesville, Fla., Jonathan, Alex, Hilary, Paula and Aaron Kern of Sulphur, La., Justin Koenig of Kalamazoo, Mich., Brandon, Kayle and Seth Koenig of Auburn, Rachel (Perez) Seale of San Angelo, Texas, and Ashley and Maria Perez of Auburn; a stepgranddaughter and her husband, Carollyn and Oscar Jimenez of Defiance, Ohio, and four stepgreat-grandchildren, Zachary, Jacob, Nicholas and Caileigh of Defiance, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Florence (Ankrim) Gantt; a brother, Harold Burton Gant; a half brother, Billy Gantt; and a half sister, Linda Kay Gantt.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Clear Lake Cemetery near Fremont.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3 to 8 pm. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Jackson, Mich., and Grace Lutheran Church of Port St. Lucie, Fla.

James Smith

FORT WAYNE — James H. Smith, 66, formerly of Fremont, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had retired from Metaldyne in Fremont in 1994 and enjoyed playing cards, dice and Dominoes. He was a member of Harvest Freewill Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born May 27, 1938, in Newberry, Mich., to Adelbert and Mildred (Waters) Smith. On March 20, 1960, in Renton, Wash., he married Phyllis C. Shipp, and his wife survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marie and Dan Fry of Albion and Susan and Gayle Leslie of Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Alvin and Vickie Smith of Shreveport, La., Cecil and Martha Smith of Fort Wayne and James H. Smith Jr. of Angola; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Vera and John Crawford of Florida, Mary and Gerald Gollnick of Montgomery, Mich., and Dorothy and David Smith of Fremont; a brother, Lawrence Smith of Florida; a half brother, David Smith of Washington; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Pastor Jeff Sloan officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery. Memorials are to the family.

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Gwendolyn Ankney

STURGIS, Mich. — Gwendolyn D. Ankney, 87, of Sturgis died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005, at Thurston Woods Village.

Mrs. Ankney was a lifetime resident of Sturgis and graduated from Sturgis High School in 1935.

She had retired as a secretary from General Telephone.

Mrs. Ankney was a member of Sturgis First Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed traveling and fishing.

She was born March 26, 1917, in Sturgis to Jesse and Hazel (Harris) Winer. On March 20, 1937, in Sturgis, she married Robert L. Ankney. He died May 13, 1985.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, AnnJeanette and Jerry Owen of Kimmell; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Trudy Ankney of Austin, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Ankney of Missoula, Mont.; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Roger, on May 23, 2001.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Sturgis with the Rev. Mike Wicks officiating.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home.

Richard Barlow

HUDSON — Richard Barlow, 76, of Big Turkey Lake, Hudson, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Robert Malott

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Robert W. "Bob" Malott, 68, of White Pigeon died at noon Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Malott had retired from the shipping department at Ventline in Bristol.

He was a member of American Legion Post 215 in LaGrange, the VFW post in Sturgis, and the Loyal Order of the Moose in LaGrange.

He was born April 12, 1936, in Crown Point to Herbert and Francis (Mass) Malott.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Malcolm Malott of Sturgis and Dale and Valerie Malott of Middlebury; a brother, Herbert Malott of Mishawaka.; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Lamont Eckert of LaGrange; two granddaughters, Josie Singleton and Sasha Malott; three grandsons, Brandon Malott, Christopher Malott and Joshua Malott; seven great-grandchildren; three nieces; and three nephews.

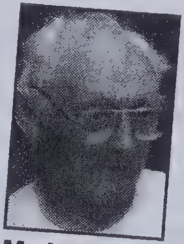
Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to tsunami relief or Sturgis Hospice.

Wilbur Lytle

FREMONT — Wilbur J. Lytle, 84, of Fremont died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.


Mr. Lytle

Mr. Lytle was born Aug. 28, 1920, in Steuben County to John H. and Carrie (Dawes) Lytle.

He retired in 1982 after 26 years as a maintenance worker at the Indiana Toll Road. He was a member of Jamestown Church, and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Surviving are nine stepchildren, Sharon Creager of New Haven, Nancy Hart and Kathy Shown, both of Pleasant Lake, Edward Crubaugh of Norwalk, Ohio, Donald Crubaugh and Rosemarie Crubaugh, both of Coldwater, Mich., Robert Crubaugh of Cleveland, Ohio, Judy Crubaugh of Kendallville and Betty Crubaugh of Angola; five sisters, Arlene Lytle, Norma Rathbun and Betty Cope, all of Fremont, Beatrice Maclean of Columbus, Ohio and Juanita Wells of Angola; a brother-in-law, Phillip Olcott of Fremont; 21 stepgrandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by three wives, Edna Spade in 1979; Mary Olcott in 1993 and Helen Brown McCurley in 2003; and a brother, Russell Lytle.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Jamestown Church, Fremont.

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Shirley Harris

AVILLA — Former East Noble school board member and businesswoman Shirley Jane Harris, 74, of Avilla died at 6:20 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at her rural Avilla home.

Mrs. Harris served on the East Noble school board from 1970-1978.

She was the co-owner of Finley Bait and Tackle and Bob and Shirley's Western Shop.

Mrs. Harris had moved to Noble County in 1958 from Bluffton. She was a 1948 graduate of Montpelier High School and had two years of nurses training at Cincinnati Jewish Hospital School of Nursing.

She held a real estate sales license and retired in 1991 from LaOtto Manufacturing where she had been employed for eight years.

Mrs. Harris was a member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Jan. 18, 1931, in Joliet, Ill., to John Henery and A. Jeanette (Davis) Simmons. On Jan. 13, 1951, at the First Baptist Church in Montpelier, she married Bobbie Leon Harris. He died July 17, 1991.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis and Webb Pierce of Wolcottville, Lottie and John Keuhn of Fort Wayne and Patti and Ron Knox of Kendallville; two sons, Bill Harris of Avilla and Robert Harris of San Antonio, Texas; nine grandchildren, Dennis Bryant, Kirk Knox and Kara Knox, all of Kendallville, Amanda Kimmel and her husband, Matt, and Bobby Harris, all of Avilla, Stephanie Lemish, Jessie Kuehn and Nikki Kuehn, all of Fort Wayne, and Hannah Harris of Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son, Bobbie Leon Harris Jr., and a brother, John G. "Jack" Simmons.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Lois Watkins officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home. An Eastern Star service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice and the American Heart Association.

Jo Ellen Helms

STRYKER, Ohio — Jo Ellen "Jody" (Hartman) Helms, 57, of Stryker, Ohio, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Park View Nursing Center in Edgerton, Ohio, where she had been a resident since Dec. 1, 2004.

Mrs. Helms was born June 8, 1947, in Auburn to Robert D. and Joyce M. (Allen) Hartman. She married Douglas A. Helms on Aug. 2, 1991, in Bryan, Ohio, and he survives.

She was an assembler for Quadco for many years.

Also surviving are her father and stepmother, Robert D. and Elaine L. (Lash) Hartman of Hamilton; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Jerry Crawford of Edon, Ohio; two brothers, Michael and Kenneth Hartman, both of Columbia, Ohio; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother in 1948 and a brother, Robert D. Harman Jr. in 1974.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, with the Rev. Nicholas Woodall officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Stryker Cemetery.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurses and Hospice of Williams and Fulton Counties, Stryker United Brethren Church or the Park View Nursing Center Senior Prom Activity Fund.

Condolences can be left online at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Paul Blomberg

HUNTERTOWN — Paul E. Blomberg, 76, of Huntertown died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Blomberg was the retired owner of J.&A. Machine.

He was a member of the Society of Plastic Engineers and the NRA.

Mr. Blomberg was born Nov. 10, 1928, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia, of Huntertown; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Joanne Blomberg and Deborah and Michael Egli, all of Leo, Linda and Robert Wilson of Oldsmar, Fla., Sheryl and William Brownbeck of Avilla and Ruth Trim of Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, James and Deborah Blomberg of Albion, Steve Blomberg of Avilla and Michael and Cathy Blomberg of Wolcottville; 18 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Warren; and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ronald McDonald House.

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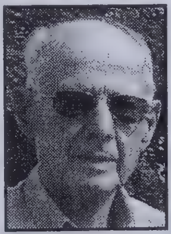
Paul Casebere

EDGERTON, Ohio — Paul L. Casebere, 89, of Edgerton died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at 3:10 a.m. in his home following an extended illness.


Mr. Casebere

He was co-owner of Casebere Motor Sales with his brother, Carolus. They operated the business from 1934 until Mr. Casebere's retirement in October 1986. In 1981, the brothers were named citizens of the year in Edgerton.

A 1934 graduate of Edgerton High School, he was a World War II veteran who served with the U.S. Navy. He worked for Elmer Brown at the Willys-Knight Overland dealership in Edgerton from 1928 to 1932.

Mr. Casebere was a longtime active member of the Edgerton Chamber of Commerce, the Edgerton Development Corp. and the Edgerton Board of Public Affairs. He served on the Edgerton Fire Department in the 1940s.

He was an avid horseman and was a member of the Central States Walking Horse Association.

He was a charter member and active volunteer with the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn and also was a charter member of the Chrysler Museum in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Mr. Casebere was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, where he served on the parish council; the Hicksville Bank Advisory Board; and the Empire Bankshares Board.

He was born Feb. 15, 1915, in St. Joe Township in Williams County to J. Stanley and Marguerite (Gebhard) Casebere.

He married Mary M. Pahl on Sept. 27, 1934, in Edgerton. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Paula and Michael Dockery of Edgerton and Mary Jane and Allen Hubbell of Hicksville, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Harriet Siebenaler of Edgerton.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Carolus, in 1997.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, and Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary Catholic Church or to Community Hospital and Wellness Center-Hospice Care.

Condolences may be posted at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Laura Herendeen

KENDALLVILLE — Laura M. Herendeen, 88, of Kendallville died at 5:25 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Herendeen spent most of her life in Kendallville. She lived in Bronson, Mich., from 1996 until entering the nursing home in 2004.

She retired in 1976 from Uniform Printing.

Mrs. Herendeen was a member of Pleasant Hill Missionary Church in Pleasant Hill, Mich.

She enjoyed crocheting, sewing and working crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She had been on a bowling league for several years.

She was born July 28, 1916, in Green Township, Noble County, to John and Minnie (Shultz) Leitch. On Nov. 20, 1937, in Green Township, she married Donald Herendeen. He died in 1972.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Evert Smith of Bronson, Mich., Carol and Jerry Alexander of Kendallville and Lorna and Ron Lopshire of Lebanon, Ohio; a son, Ronnie Herendeen of San Antonio, Fla.; a brother, Robert Leitch of Kissimmee, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two sons, Larry Herendeen and Alvin Herendeen; a grandchild; six brothers, Carl, Everett, Delbert, Leroy, Donald and Ronald Leitch; and six sisters, Anna Chamberlin, Bertha Davis, Esther Campbell, Cleo Harter, Tillie Keck and Mable Snyder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Donald Matteson officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pleasant Hill Missionary Church in Pleasant Hill, Mich.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Russell Frehse

KENDALLVILLE — Russell F. Frehse, 95, of Kendallville, a well-known local historian and 2003 Kendallville Citizen of the Year, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Frehse

Mr. Frehse was born in Dubois County near Huntingburg on Nov. 9, 1909, to Wesley and Amelia Frehse. He came to Kendallville at age 10 and attended the one-room Roberts School House east of Kendallville as a boy, and later the old Riley School on Riley Street. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1928, and in 1936, earned his bachelor of science degree from the Indiana University School of Commerce.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1942 to 1945 in World War II. He was a staff sergeant with the 353rd Bomb Squad.

For 33 years, he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad in the sales department as a buyer of rights of way. He worked in Grand Rapids and Detroit, Mich., Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Ohio, Roanoke, Va., and Charleston, W.Va., before retiring in 1970.

He was a member of the Noble County Historical Society, and a past board member of the Kendallville Public Library. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce in 2003.

He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville.

There are no survivors.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ella Kittle

ALBION — Ella Marie Kittle, 81, of Albion died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Mrs. Kittle had lived in the area seven years, moving from Warren, Mich.

She had served as a nurse's aide for 20 years.

Mrs. Kittle was a member of Moundsville Baptist Church in Moundsville, W.Va.

She was born March 18, 1923, in Gilbertsville, Ky., to Thomas Andrew and Mennie Lee (Kennedy) Ridgeway.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth W. Kittle of South Carolina and Bradley T. Kittle of Michigan; a daughter, Wilma D. Hurst of Albion; three sisters, Maudeene Stice of Nebraska, Elizabeth Pugh of Kentucky and Blanche Stice of Kentucky; seven grandchildren, Wayne Kittle, Lexi Kittle, Sarah Kittle, Summer Hurst, Jasper Hurst, Sterling Hurst and Clay Hurst.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Elbert Wayne Kittle and Harlan Kittle; a son, Perry L. Kittle; and a grandson, Eric Kittle.

Private family services will be held.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Matson

BLUE SPRINGS, Mo. — Former Angola resident Thomas Lewis Matson, 66, of Blue Springs, Mo., died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at home.

Mr. Matson had worked as a delivery man for Tom's Donuts, and prior to that had worked for Dana Corp. for 26 years. He was a Protestant and a 33rd Degree Mason, a member of the Land O Lakes Lions Club and the Angola Moose Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Darlene Matson; a son, David Allen Matson of Corpus Christi, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Roy Murphy of Blue Springs; a brother, James J. Matson Jr. of Angola; and a sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Frank Lee of Angola.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Debby Matson, in 1976.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., with a Lions Club service at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, Lions Eye Bank or the American Diabetes Association.

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Frederick Stemen

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Frederick L. Stemen, 88, of Leo-Cedarville died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005, at The Cedars of Leo.

A Van Wert, Ohio, native, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was born Aug. 5, 1916, to Taylor and Della Stemen.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lynn and Ed Miller of Spencerville, Dee and Dave Richart of Huntington, and Edna Kloehn of Buffalo, N.Y.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Helen; a sister, Lucy Brandenburg; and a brother, Merl.

Services will be Thursday at noon in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, Harlan. Burial will be at Woodland Union Cemetery in Van Wert.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 11 a.m. until noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice.

Colleen Hartman

HELMER — Colleen Joy Hartman, 52, of Helmer died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mrs. Hartman

Mrs. Hartman was a native of Auburn and a 1970 graduate of DeKalb High School.

She was the manager of the bakery department at Scott's Foods in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hartman was a member of Wayne Center United Methodist Church and active with the United Methodist Women, Wayne Center Church Day Care and chairwoman of the Pastor Parish Committee.

She was born July 12, 1952, in Auburn to Lyle E. and Martha L. (Moughler) Baird. They survive in Auburn. On Sept. 23, 1972, in Corunna, she married Kenneth Hartman. He survives near Helmer.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jenny and Robert Huth of Waterloo; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Amy Hartman of Kendallville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cathy and Patrick Hampshire of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Judy and Paul Collins of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Wyatt Trystan and Lucas Bernard.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Wayne Center United Methodist Church, 1015 E. Schoolhouse Road, Kendallville, with the Rev. Gene Flickenger officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Noble House in Albion, Bashor Home for Abused Children in Goshen or Bethesda Home for Disabled Children in Appleton, Wis.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Jack Hill

ANGOLA — Jack Goodwin Hill, 79, of Angola died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at the emergency room at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Hill was born Dec. 27, 1925, in Detroit to Wilbur and Lolabelle (Goodwin) Hill. He was married to Becky Holiday, and she survives.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II. He was an engineer at the Angola division of Dana-Weatherhead for 30 years, and a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

Also surviving are a son, Brad Hill of Gilbert, Ariz.; a stepson, Jeff Norton of LaGrange; two daughters, Pam Cope and Kim Brunner, both of Angola; a sister, Sue Smedley of Michigan; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County, with military graveside services conducted by members of Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Heath Care.

Elaine Stokes

HAVRE, Mont. — Former Angola resident Elaine (Nelson) Stokes, 69, of Havre, Mont., died Friday, Jan. 28, 2005, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where she had been a patient for several days.

A complete obituary will be published at a later date.

Richard Barlow

HUDSON — Richard Lewis "Rich" Barlow, 76, of Big Turkey Lake died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Barlow had moved to the area in 1995 from Lawrence, Kan. He and his wife spent their summers at their home at Big Turkey Lake and their winters in Kendallville.

He was a microbiologist and chemist. He was a 1946 graduate of Lawrence High School and 1951 graduate of Kansas University with a bachelor in arts degree in microbiology.

Mr. Barlow was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

He had retired from the Kansas State Board of Agriculture after 35 years of service where he served as assistant director of the lab that analyzed milk production.

Mr. Barlow enjoyed playing cards, gardening and socializing.

He was born June 10, 1928, in Burlingame, Kan., to Marion Albert and Jessie (Ridley) Barlow. On Jan. 14, 1955, in Spokane, Wash., he married Elizabeth Marie "Betty" McCaffrey. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, the Rev. Kathryn Westmoreland of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sons, Jesse Louis (Ramsey) Barlow of State College, Pa., and Michael Thomas Barlow, no address given; a brother, Phillip Lee Barlow of Lawrence, Kan.; three sisters, Marie Love of Watsonville, Calif., Normagene Carpenter of St. Louis, Mo., and Darlene Lindley of Kurrville, Texas; and four grandchildren, Samuel Westmoreland, Aaron Westmoreland, Hillary Barlow and Eun Soo Barlow.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Kathryn Westmoreland officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence, Kan.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Fire Department.

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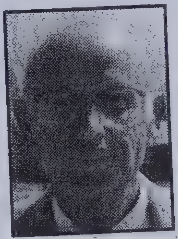
Wallace Graham

ST. JOE — Wallace Paul Graham, 88, of St. Joe died Tuesday morning, Feb. 15, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Graham

Mr. Graham retired in 1981 as a supervisor for the DeKalb County Highway Department. He also was a dairy farmer.

He was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church and Concord Masonic Lodge 556.

He was an avid softball player, playing for many teams such as Valspar Paint, sponsored by Wayne Hardware, the Millers the Miracles and Kids & Kubs.

Mr. Graham graduated from South Side High School in Fort Wayne and also attended Michigan Tech in Houghton, Mich.

He served in the 397th Bomb Group in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

He was born Nov. 27, 1916, in Hinkley, Ill., to Wallace and Corneilia Graham. His parents preceded him in death.

On Nov. 12, 1938, in Butler, he married Donzella Shumaker. She survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are two sons, Wallace Graham of Fremont and James Graham of Auburn; two daughters, Carol Seiler and Jilaine Pace, both of St. Joe; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Annabelle Bender of Fruitland Park, Fla.

He also was preceded in death by a sister, Janet Telschow, in 2002.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Gerry Weesner officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville. A Masonic service will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home, followed by an Eastern Star service at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Church and the Concord Masonic Lodge 556.

Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

Ethel Lehman

LIGONIER — Ethel Gertrude Lehman, 77, of Ligonier died at 11:12 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, in Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Lehman

She was a homemaker. She enjoyed playing bingo, fishing and mushroom hunting.

She was born Nov. 29, 1927, in Cromwell to Roscoe and Ethel (Stocker) LeCount.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lester Ray Jr. and Cindy Hunt of Kimmell; a brother, Jack LeCount of Ligonier; three sister, Luella Jones of Naples, Fla., Martha Sprague of Ligonier and Mary Brock of Syracuse; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Goldie Knott

WATERLOO — Goldie I. Knott, 82, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Knott

Mrs. Knott owned and operated the Midway Inn Truck Stop in Waterloo from 1945 to 1952. She also worked in the Beauticia at Villa de Coiffure in Waterloo from 1963 until her retirement in 1973.

She was born Nov. 11, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Nicolas and Clara E. (Knepper) Kitchen. They preceded her in death.

She married Cleon B. Knott on Aug. 12, 1943, in Marion and he died Feb. 18, 1989.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sheryl and Jim Harvey of Fremont and Sharon and Dan King of Waterloo; a stepdaughter, Cleona May Savoy of Dundee, Fla.; a stepson, Cleon B. Knott Jr. of Dundee, Fla.; two sisters, Mabel Carpenter and Gladys Shaw, both of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, Tammy, Kristin, Adrian, Shari, Tina, Debbie, Barb, Karen, Jim, Jean and Mike; and two great-grandchildren, Zachary and Nicolas.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Nicholos Kitchen, and three sisters, Elenor Fogelson, May Smith and Clarabelle Knellenger.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Richard Cherry

AUBURN — Richard L. Cherry, 91, of Auburn died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Cherry worked at Warner Gear for 32 years, retiring in 1973. He was a member of the Garrett Church of Christ, the Auburn Moose Lodge and UAW Local 825.

He was born Feb. 9, 1914, in DeKalb County to Jason and Irene (Dragoo) Cherry. They preceded him in death.

He married his first wife, Virginia Moughler, in 1938 and she died in 1979.

He married Hilda Falwell in 1981 and she died in 1999.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sonia and Devon Lyon of Auburn; a stepson, George R. Falwell of Syracuse, N.Y.; a stepdaughter, Lorraine Baumgarten of Cape Canaveral, Fla.; a sister, Hilda Frick of Auburn; a grandson, Jeffery Lyon; two great-grandchildren, Austin and Amber Lyon; five stepgrandchildren, Julie Weidner, Amy Githmark, Lisa Weaver, Tammy Magashamy and Michael Crompton; and 11 stepgreat-grandchildren, Olivia, Eliza and Griffen Weidner, Morgan and Will Githmark, Samantha Weaver, Britanny and Samantha Magashamy, and Eric, Chelsea and Shawn Crompton.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Thelma Schram, Francis McKee and Marjorie Fesler, and a granddaughter, Melanie Lyon.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Lorraine Altenhof

HUNTINGTON — Lorraine Altenhof, 77, of Huntington died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at her home in Huntington.

Mr. Altenhof was a former telephone operator for AT&T and had been a supervisor in sales at Our Sunday Visitor.

She was a member of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Huntington County Women's Club, Child Conservation Club, Newcomer's Club, Canasta Club and she served as a Pink Lady volunteer at Huntington Hospital.

Mrs. Altenhof was born Aug. 30, 1927, in Chicago to Wilfred "Bud" and Sophie (Nowaczyk) Hans. On Aug. 30, 1947, in Chicago, she married Albert Louis Altenhof. He died Jan. 21, 1979.

Surviving are a son, Ronald Altenhof of Goshen; three daughters and a son-in-law, Kathy and Thomas Pfister of Wolcottville, Patty Altenhof of Huntington and Karen Kennedy of Goshen; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Phyllis White and Irene Ford.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 859 Cherry St., Huntington, with Father Ron Rieder officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Senior Center or Parkview-Huntington Hospice and Home Health.

Phyllis Biesiada

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis M. Biesiada, 73, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she retired from Dana Corp. after 25 years of service. She enjoyed crafts, puzzles and reading and was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Surviving are five children, Leslie Biesiada of Garrett, Steve Biesiada, Carl Biesiada and Betty Shank, all of Fort Wayne, and Shawn Harris of Garrett; two sisters, Liela Heck of Fort Wayne and Lucille Garrett of Hastings, Mich.; her children's father, Carl C. Biesiada of Fort Wayne; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, James, Ralph and Leonard Bellis; and two sisters, Mable Biesiada and Alice Flory.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery. Additional calling will be Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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W. Erwin Kilpatrick

DAYTON, Ohio — W. Erwin Kilpatrick, 74, of Dayton died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, in Punta Gorda, Fla.

He was a retired judge for Montgomery County and the city of Dayton.

Surviving are his wife, Marie Kilpatrick; two sons, Charles Kilpatrick of Huntsville, Ala., and John Kilpatrick of Columbus; two brothers, Howard Kilpatrick of Payne and John Kilpatrick of Spencerville, Ind.; two sisters, Donna Kuhn of Payne and Lois Northey of New Haven; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Payne. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be tonight from 7 to 9 at the Slade-Den Herder Funeral Home in Payne.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Laura Herendeen

KENDALLVILLE— Laura M. Herendeen, 88, of Kendallville died at 5:25 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Herendeen retired in 1976 from Uniform Printing. After spending most of her life in Kendallville she moved to Bronson, Michigan in 1996 then in 2004 moved to Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Herendeen was a member of Pleasant Hill Missionary Church of Pleasant Hill, MI.

She enjoyed bowling and was on bowling leagues for several years. Laura liked to crochet, sew, work jig saw and crossword puzzles.

Mrs. Herendeen was born July 28, 1916, in Green Township, rural Noble County Indiana to John and Minnie (Shultz) Leitch. On Nov. 20,1937 in Green Township, she married Donald Herendeen. Mr. Herendeen passed away in 1972.

Surviving are one son, Ronnie Herendeen of San Atonio, FL; three daughters, Linda (Evert) Smith of Bronson, MI, Carol (Jerry) Alexander of Kendallville, Lorna (Ron) Lopshire of Lebanon, OH; one brother Robert Leitch of Kissimmee, FL.; ten grandchildren; and 13 great-grand children.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Larry and Alvin Herendeen; six brothers, Carl, Everett, Delbert, Leroy, Donald, and Ron Leitch; six sisters, Anna Chamberlin, Bertha Davis, Esther Campbell, Cleo Harter, Tillie Keck and Mable Snyder; and one grandchild.

Services will be held Thursday, February 17, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Donald Matteson officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Kendallville.

Prefer memorials to Pleasant Hill Missionary Church of Pleasant Hill, MI.

Thomas Bireley

ANGOLA— Thomas D. Bireley, 79, of Angola died Wednesday, February 9, 2005, at his home.

He owned Bireley Construction for 55 years, retiring in 1994. He earned the Bronze Star serving in the U.S. Army during World War II when he fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of Orland Congregational Church.

He was born August 15, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Ora and Sadie (Mills) Bireley. On June 7, 1947, he married Mary Louise Roth, his wife of 57 years, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Thomas and Kris Bireley of Mirriam, Michael and Debbie Bireley of Terre Haute, Steven and Pat Bireley of Angola, Kevin Bireley and his companion, Linda, of Hamilton and Scott and Denise Bireley of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Jim Chebowski of Angola; a brother, Jim Bireley of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lois Winkleman of Tucson, AZ; 13 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services were held Saturday, February 12, 2005, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating.

Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery in Steuben County. Graveside military rites were performed by the Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

For those who wish, memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Health Care.

Willodean Whitemen

COLUMBIA CITY — Willodean D. Whiteman, 83, of Columbia City died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Noble County on Jan. 2, 1922, to Arnie and Hazel (Birch) Geiger, where she lived until 1992 when she moved to Columbia City.

She attended school at Wolf Lake High School and then married LeRoy D. "Pete" Whiteman on Nov. 15, 1941 in Churubusco. He preceded her in death.

She was employed at Blue Bell Inc. in Columbia City for 30 years. Her memberships included Eagles Auxiliary No. 1906 in Columbia City. She was an avid bingo player, and she loved to dance.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Roy "Mike" and Lee Whiteman of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and David Hawn of Columbia City; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Day Geiger, and two stepbrothers, Clarence and J.C. Scoby.

Services were held Monday, February 14, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Dan Carlson of Wolf Lake Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Thorn Cemetery, Noble County.

Members of Eagles Auxiliary No. 1906 presented a twilight memorial service Sunday evening.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home.

Irene McClement

KENDALLVILLE — Irene Frances McClement, 79, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. McClement was born in Chicago on Jan. 1, 1926, to John and Mildred (Patterson) Pusateri. She married Charles James "Chuck" McClement on June 28, 1947, in Chicago, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 28, 1996, in Fort Myers, Fla.

She was employed as a dispatcher with the Kendallville Police Department in the 1960s and 1970s. She was a member of the Women of the Moose, Post No. 551 in Fort Myers, and was a past member of the Elks Lodge Auxiliary in Garrett and the American Legion Auxiliary, Post No. 381 in Rome City. She also volunteered her time every day at the Early Adventures Childcare.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Roxanna McClement of Rome City; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy and Gary Fisher of Kendallville, Kim and Mark Leitner of Avilla and Laura and Dave Tarman of New Paris; 15 grandchildren and spouses, Erin McClement, Misty and Matt Coplin, Stacey Hall, Andrea Hall, Amy Hall, Angela and Billy Stevenson, Steven Pyle, Aaron Fisher, Christi Fisher, Amanda Leiter, Calvin and Hillary Leiter, Crystal and William Warner, Todd Burton, Sarah Tarman and David Ian Tarman; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Christopher Tarman, on Feb. 20, 2003.

Services were held Saturday, February 12, 2005, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Bob Shriner officiating.

Memorials are to Early Adventures Child Care.

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Shirley Harris

AVILLA — Shirley Jane Harris, 74, died Monday, February 14, 2005 at her rural Avilla home.

She was born January 18, 1931 in Joliet, Illinois to John Henery and A. Jeanette (Davis) Simmons. Both are deceased.

Living in the area for 47 years, she was a former resident of Bluffton, moving to Noble County in 1958.

On January 13, 1951, she was married to Bobbie Leon Harris at First Baptist Church in Montpelier, IN. He preceded her in death on July 17, 1991.

She graduated in 1948 from Montpelier High School. She had two years of nurse's training at Cincinati Jewish Hospital School of Nursing, and she also held a real estate license. She was a member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church and the Noble County Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Harris retired from LaOtto Manufacturing in 1991, having worked there from 1983 to 1991. She was an East Noble School Trustee from 1970 to 1978 and co-owner of Finley Bait and Tackle and Bob and Shirley's Western Shop.

She is survived by three daughters, Phyllis (Webb) Pierce of Wolcottville, Lottie (John) Kuehn of Fort Wayne, and Patti (Ron) Knox of Kendallville; two sons, Bill Harris of Avilla and Robert Harris of San Antonio, TX; and grandchildren, Dennis Bryant of Kendallville, Amanda (Matt) Kimmel of Avilla, Stephanie Lemish of Fort Wayne, Jessie and Nikki Kuehn of Fort Wayne, Bobby Harris of Avilla, Kirk and Kara Knox of Kendallville and Hannah Harris of Ohio.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by an infant son, Bobbie Leon Harris, Jr., and a brother, John (Jack) G. Simmons.

Services will be held Thursday, February 17, 2005, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Lois Watkins officiating. Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, and one hour prior to the funeral on Thursday.

Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

For those who wish, memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, Noble County Branch and American Heart Association.

Paul Blomberg

FORT WAYNE — Paul E. Blomberg, 76, of Huntertown, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at Parkview Hospital.

Born Nov. 10, 1928, in Fort Wayne, he was a retired business owner of J. & A. Machine. He was a member of Society of Plastic Engineers and N.R.A.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia of Huntertown; daughters, Joanne Blomberg and Deborah (Michael) Egli, both of Leo, Linda (Robert) Wilson of Oldsmar, Fla., Sheryl (William) Brownbeck of Avilla and Ruth Trim of Fort Wayne; sons, James (Deborah) Blomberg of Albion, Steve Blomberg of Avilla and Michael (Cathy) Blomberg of Wolcottville; 18 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Warren; and three sisters.

Services were held Wednesday, February 16, 2005, at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials to Ronald McDonald House.

Ruby Rathke

BRIMFIELD — Ruby L. Rathke, 81, of Albion died Monday, February 7, 2005, in the emergency room of Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Rathke had spent most of her life in Albion and had also resided from 1968 to 1982 with her husband in Kendallville. From 1982 to 2001, the couple lived in Sebring, Fla.

She had been employed at Essex Wire in Ligonier for several years and was a homemaker.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Rathke was a talented seamstress. She loved to knit, crochet, square dance, line dance, work crossword puzzles and read.

She also enjoyed watching the many birds that visited the various feeders in her yard.

Mrs. Rathke was born June 19, 1923, in Albion to Dallas and Zelma (Williamson) Jaquay. On Aug. 23, 1941, in Kimmell, she married Omar A. Rathke. He died Sept. 30, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and John Kline of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Michele Rathke of Albion; six grandchildren, Janetta Douglas, Joanna Anis, Jon Kline, Stacey Vrba, Shana Pyle and Gavin Rathke; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday, February 11, 2005, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial was private at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Patricia Dixon

BRIMFIELD — Patricia Ann Dixon, 62, of Brimfield died at 1:44 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dixon was a homemaker and lifetime Noble County resident.

She enjoyed crocheting, reading and spending time with her dogs.

Mrs. Dixon was born Jan. 12, 1943, in Kendallville to Kenneth and Anna (Hofferman) Hisey. On Oct. 2, 1965, in LaGrange, she married Steve Dixon. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Rory Robbins of Brimfield and John Dixon and his fiancee, Jenell Sprunger, of Kendallville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Donald and Wanita Hisey of Auburn, Terry and Brenda Hisey of Fort Wayne and Jim Hisey of Brimfield; and a sister, Mary Jane Clouse of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Beverly Corder.

Services were held Friday, February 11, 2005, at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with Elder Russell Hicks, and Larry Dixon and Glen Dixon officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery.

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Zelma Keyes

FORT WAYNE — Zelma E. Keyes, 92, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Keyes had lived in Converse from 1946 until moving to Fort Wayne in 2003.

She had worked at Graham Ford for 15 years as a bookkeeper.

Mrs. Keyes had been a member of Converse United Methodist Church since 1946 where she had served as Sunday school superintendent, on the executive committee, been a trustee and had been a member of the choir and in charge of special music.

She had been a member of Eastern Star since 1959 and was a past matron and grand representative.

She was born April 26, 1912, in Huntington to Arthur and Lockey Hoag. On March 20, 1942, she married John A. Keyes. He died in July 1996.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marsha L. and Alan Gael of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, John A. II and Connie Keyes of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Danielle Gael of Houston, Texas, Jessica Gael of Indianapolis, Tyson Keyes of Fort Wayne, Timothy Keyes of Kendallville, Staci Bruce and her husband, Joel, of El Paso, Texas, and Lanisa Dodson and her husband, John, of Avilla; three great-grandchildren, Taylor Dodson, Conner Bruce and Emma Bruce; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Wednesday, February 16, 2005, at Converse United Methodist Church in Converse, with the Rev. Bob Preusz officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery.

Memorials are to Converse United Methodist Church.

James Smith

FORT WAYNE — James H. Smith, 66, formerly of Fremont, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had retired from Metaldyne in Fremont in 1994 and enjoyed playing cards, dice and Dominoes. He was a member of Harvest Freewill Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born May 27, 1938, in Newberry, Mich., to Adelbert and Mildred (Waters) Smith. On March 20, 1960, in Renton, Wash., he married Phyllis C. Shipp, and his wife survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marie and Dan Fry of Albion and Susan and Gayle Leslie of Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Alvin and Vickie Smith of Shreveport, La., Cecil and Martha Smith of Fort Wayne and James H. Smith Jr. of Angola; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Vera and John Crawford of Florida, Mary and Gerald Gollnick of Montgomery, Mich., and Dorothy and David Smith of Fremont; a brother, Lawrence Smith of Florida; a half brother, David Smith of Washington; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, February 16, 2005, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Pastor Jeff Sloan officiating.

Burial was in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Ella Marie Kittle

ALBION — Ella Marie Kittle, 82, died February 13, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Born March 18, 1923, in Gilbertsville, KY, she was the daughter of Thomas Andrew and Mennie Lee (Kennedy) Ridgeway. Both are deceased.

She lived in the Albion area for seven years, coming from Warren, MI. She had been employed as a nurse's aide for 20 years in Michigan. She was a member of Moundsville Baptist Church in Moundsville, West Virginia.

Mrs. Kittle had been married twice with both husbands, Elbert Wayne Kittle and Harlan Kittle, preceeding her in death.

She is survived by two sons, Kenneth W. Kittle of South Carolina and Bradley T. Kittle of Michigan; one daughter, Wilma D. Hurst of Albion; grandchildren, Wayne and Lexi Kittle, Sarah Kittle, Summer Hurst, Jasper Hurst, Sterling Hurst and Clay Hurst; sisters, Maudeene Stice of Nebraska, Elizabeth Pugh of Kentucky and Blanche Stice of Kentucky.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was also preceded in death by a son, Perry L. Kittle and a grandson, Eric Kittle.

Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel was in charge of the private family service.

For those who wish, memorials are to Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Brice Held

ALBION — Brice Held, 3 days old, of Albion died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Brice was born Feb. 5, 2005, in Kendallville to Danna Held of Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Justen Thomas "JT" Bowman, at home; maternal great-grandmothers Linda Bowman of Albion and Dorothy Conley of LaOtto; maternal grandmother Barbara Bowman of LaOtto; and maternal grandfather Kent Bowman of Garrett.

Services were held Monday, February 14, 2005, at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

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Grace Bender

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Grace Lucille (Surfus) Bender, 84, of Leo-Cedarville died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bender graduated from Huntertown High School and lived most of her life in Leo. She worked in the family business for many years.

She was a member of Cedar Creek Golf Club, Leo Lanes, American Legion Post 409 Auxiliary and the Leo Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir.

She played bridge, loved music, sports, entertaining and travel. She was a devoted and loving wife, a wonderful mother, grandparent and friend. She enjoyed her life to the fullest.

She was born in 1920 in Allen County to William J. and Rosalind Esther Surfus as the youngest of nine children.

Surviving are two daughters, Sally Zimny of Indianapolis and Jean Stelle of Fort Wayne; two grandsons and their wives, Ed and Jennifer Zimny of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Erik and Elizabeth Stelle of Bloomington; three great-grandchildren, Ava Zimny, and Connor and Lucy Stelle; and a sister, Dora Houser of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Levon "Benny" Bender, in 1998.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, with calling from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Additional calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1302 E. Dupont Road.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road Fort Wayne; Alzheimer's Research at Indiana University School of Medicine, 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne; Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, Leo; or the American Legion Post 409 Auxiliary, S.R. 1, Leo.

Jack Jones

AUBURN — Jack Russell Jones, 52, of Auburn died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Jones

Born in Morenci, Mich., Mr. Jones was a marketing agent for Dairy Queen, McDonald's, Mail Boxes Etc., Discovery Zone, Blockbuster and Mastersports.

Family members said he liked to say, "I've had a good life, family, friends, been places I never thought I'd go. All in all I couldn't want more."

Survivors include his mother, Irene Jones of Auburn; a brother, John Jones of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Julie and Dave Lochner of Auburn; and nephews, Aaron and Andrew Lochner of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Barney Jones, in 1997.

Services will be conducted at a later date.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Lutheran Heart Center, DeKalb EMS or the Auburn police and fire departments.

Robert Richter

FORT WAYNE — Robert J. Richter, 84, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, at Heritage Park, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Richter was born July 26, 1920, in Fort Wayne. He retired in 1986 from the Essex Group as a quality control supervisor. He was a World War II Army veteran and member of Calvary United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred Colderbank Richter; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia A. and Duane Bissell of Lake James and Kathy and Steve Heckman of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Sandy Colderbank of Livermore, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Edith Amy Richter and Mildred L. Richter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals in Fort Wayne. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County, Northern Indiana Alzheimer's Association or Calvary United Methodist Church.

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Charles Tyson

GOSHEN — Charles A. Tyson, 94, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury died at 12:40 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at Goshen General Hospital. He had been in failing health two weeks.

Mr. Tyson

Mr. Tyson was a barber and had worked at the Middlebury Creamery for 12 years and at Schult Manufacturing in Middlebury.

He was a member of Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren.

Mr. Tyson was an avid bowler and a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals.

He was born Aug. 14, 1910, in Middlebury to Reuben and Abbie (Frey) Tyson. On Feb. 17, 1934, in Middlebury, he married Rachael Mishler. She died Aug. 17, 1981. He then married Lois Buchtel on Oct. 30, 1982, in Middlebury. She died Sept. 27, 1990. On Aug. 10, 1991, he married Vera (Schrock) Fike. She died July 9, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Marvin Delagrange of Millersburg; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Darlene and Merlin Mockler and Barbara and Bruce Boughner, all of Middlebury, and Cindy and Larry Yoder of Goshen; a stepson, Gaylord Schrock and his wife, Donna, of Wildomar, Calf.; two granddaughters; two great-grandchildren; 13 stepgrandchildren; 25 stepgreat-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Lamar Tyson in 1950; a sister, Gladys Miller; and three brothers, John, Oscar and Clyde Tyson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren in Middlebury with the Rev. Jack Cary officiating. Burial will be in Forest Grove Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the kitchen remodeling project at Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren.

Estel Sewell

HAMILTON — Estel G. Sewell, 83, of Hamilton died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Miss Sewell was born March 26, 1921, in Otsego Township, Steuben County, to Glenn and Vera (Burch) Sewell. She was an administrative and marketing secretary for General Electric in Fort Wayne for 42 years, retiring in 1983.

She was a member of the Edon (Ohio) United Methodist Church and the G.E. Elex Club.

Surviving are cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by an infant brother.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Eric Dailey officiating. Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in North Otsego Cemetery, Otsego Township, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the Edon United Methodist Church, Hamilton Fire Department or DeKalb County Heimachcen.

Rosemary Hollister

CROOKED LAKE — Rosemary Hollister, 84, of Crooked Lake died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Hollister was born June 15, 1920, in Toledo, Ohio, to John and Flora (Waller) Gaynor. She was married to Harold Hollister on Feb. 27, 1954, in Toledo, and he preceded her in death on May 29, 2002.

Surviving are a sister, Florence E. Denker of Petersburg, Mich.; and a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Tracey and Eric Milleman of Angola.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Charles J. and Mathias J. Gaynor.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Friday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Services are Saturday for 'B' Robbins

CROMWELL — Mary Bernice "B" Robbins, 95, the 2001 Cromwell Co-Citizen of the Year, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier. She had suffered a stroke Jan. 8.

Mrs. Robbins lived in Cromwell for the past 71 years.

She was a beautician and worked at Gerard's Beauty Salon in North Webster for a number of years. She had also worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier and assisted her husband at Cromwell Advance Printing.

Mrs. Robbins was a member of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cromwell. She was past president of the Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club and the Elkhart County Bonsai Club. She was a past worthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star.

B Robbins

She was known for her flower garden and bonsai achievements. She also enjoyed crafts.

Mrs. Robbins was born July 9, 1909, in Kosciusko County to John and Mary Margaret (Puntenny) Elder. On Dec. 25, 1932, in North Webster, she married Donald C. Robbins. He died in September 1974.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Greta and Jim Wallace of Cromwell; two granddaughters and their husbands, Ren and Kerry Sprunger of Topeka and Ranell and David Enders of Bettendorf, Iowa; a grandson, Rock Wallace of Kendallville; six great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; two nieces, Carol Grinter of Florida and Diane Gregerson of Michigan; and one nephew, Robert Robbins of Michigan.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Russell Elder; and a granddaughter, Robin Wallace Patterson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 19 at Calvary Evangelical Church in Cromwell.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Calvary Evangelical Church, P.O. Box 298, Cromwell, IN 46732.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Ethel Lehman

Ethel Gertrude Lehman, 77, of Ligonier died at 11:12 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, in Goshen General Hospital.

She was a homemaker. She enjoyed playing bingo, fishing and mushroom hunting.

She was born Nov. 29, 1927, in Cromwell to Roscoe and Ethel (Stocker) LeCount.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lester Ray Jr. and Cindy Hunt of Kimmell; a brother, Jack LeCount of Ligonier; three sisters, Luella Jones of Naples, Fla., Martha Sprague of Ligonier and Mary Brock of Syracuse; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday, February 18 at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, February 18 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Long-time teacher Rosemary Mathew

Rosemary Mathew, 87, of Ligonier died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Mathew was a lifetime resident of the Ligonier and Topeka areas.

She had been an elementary school teacher at Topeka, Honeyville, Ligonier and North Side schools.

Mrs. Mathew

Mrs. Mathew was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She enjoyed working crossword puzzles, playing pinochle, golfing, bowling and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a devoted fan of Indiana University sports.

Mrs. Mathew was born May 18, 1917, in Topeka to Fred and Dessie (Fought) Roy. On April 19, 1942, in Topeka she married Richard J. Mathew. He died in 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Darlene Mathew of Syracuse; a daughter and son-in-law, Margery A. and Carl Kavanaugh of Ligonier; two sisters, Ginny Ulmer of De Leon Springs, Fla., and Jane Sponseller of Angola; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and four brothers.

Services were Sunday, February13 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling was Saturday, February 12 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Association or to Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Elvira Villa

Elvira R. Villa, 71, of Ligonier died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at the home of a son.

Mrs. Villa had lived in Ligonier for three years and was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 29, 1933, in Tabasco, Sacatecas, Mexico, to Nicolas and Consuelo (Ramirez) Rodriguez.

Surviving are her husband, Ramon of Ligonier; five sons, Salvador Villa, Jesus de Jesus Villa and Santiago Villa, all of Ligonier, Nicolas Villa of Sacramento, Calif., and Manuel de Jesus Villa of Mexico; five daughters, Gillermina Rubalcaba and Martina Villa, both of Ligonier, and Ramona Villa, Guadalupe Villa and Maria de Jesus Villa, all of Mexico; two brothers, Nicolas Rodriguez of Washington and Ruben Rodriguez of Florida; and two sisters, Angelina Rodriguez and Consuelo Rodriguez, both of Mexico.

Graveside services were Friday, February 11 at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

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Relatives of murdered irl raise ark money

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KENDALLVILLE — For most ople, the abduction and murder of 10-ar-old Katlyn "Katie" Collman of rothersville is a horrifying story.

For Bob and Vicki Neace of Kendall-lle, it hits much closer to home. Katie as their niece, the daughter of Bob's other.

"There's nothing we can do to bring atie back," Bob Neace said sorrow-lly. "She was taken so suddenly."

b Neace

"It's frustrating because it's so nseless. You just keep going over it in your mind, trying to sort things out. You just can't come to a conclusion that makes sense," Vicki Neace said. "I think as a parent you kind of tighten the reins when you hear a story like this. You watch (your kids) like a hawk, hoping you can stop ything that might happen to them. It's ghtening to think there are people in world who would do something like t."

Katie was abducted Jan. 25 while urning from an errand several blocks m her home. With her hands tied ind her back, she later drowned in a ek north of Seymour, police have d. Her body was found five days after disappeared.

A 20-year-old Crothersville man, arles Hickman, has been charged h murder and criminal confinement the case. According to news reports, kman allegedly told authorities that tie was abducted because she mbled upon methamphetamine activity at the Penn Villa apartment complex.

Several local businesses are drop-off points

The park project

Now Bob and Vicki Neace are joining their relatives in Crothersville to raise the money necessary to purchase Penn Villa, demolish it and create a park there in Katie's memory. Katie's classmates will help design the playground. The effort is being spearheaded by Katie's dad, Johnathon Neace.

"Down there (in Crothersville), it's really pulling the community together," Bob Neace said. "For her parents, it's something they can put their energy into to do something for Katie. For us, it's supporting our family. We put our energy into it so we don't go insane just thinking about (Katie's death)."

The overall goal is to raise $400,000 to buy the property, with a ribbon-cutting event for the park planned for Aug. 13, the day that would have been Katie's 11th birthday. Already, fundraisers have brought in more than $100,000.

Bob and Vicki Neace are hoping their own community in Kendallville will help the healing process by donating some funds for the park effort.

"We're a small community, too. What if something like this was to happen to us?" Bob Neace said. "I know we're asking people we don't even know for money, but if that's the only way we can help, I'll swallow my pride and ask the question ... I told my brother I would do whatever I can, and I'm trying."

Remembering Katie

As Bob and Vicki Neace talk about Katie, they are looking at little boys and girls sleeping peacefully in cots and cribs during nap time at The Jr. Jungle Home Day Care in Kendallville, which is owned and operated by the Neaces. Pictures of their own daughters, aged 14 and 9, are placed around the room. Children are clearly the center of their lives.

Their thoughts can't help but turn to their little niece often and what her death means to all the people she left behind.

"Katie was like any other little girl, full of energy," Bob Neace said. "Every time we would go down, she would hang on to me. At times, I was like, 'Man, I wish she'd quit.'

"Now I wish she was hanging on to me again."

Ways to donate

Donations can be mailed to The Katlyn Collman Memorial Fund, c/o Three Rivers Federal Credit Union, 846 N. Lima Road, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Several local businesses have also agreed to be drop-off points for donation money. They have collection jars available for the public. The participating businesses are: South Side Market, Hayden's ATA, Hayden Honda, Hayden Rental, Chronister Pharmacy, Three Rivers Federal Credit Union, Glad Tidings, The Cole Center Family YMCA, Kendallville Subway, The Strand Theatre and Foster's Taekwondo USA in Auburn.

Frank Bartow

SHIPSHEWANA — Frank Willson Bartow, 62, of Shipshewana died at 10:31 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, in the emergency room at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Bartow

Mr. Bartow had retired from American Axle in Three Rivers, Mich. He had spent his lifetime in the Constantine, Mich., and LaGrange County areas.

He was named an All American while playing football at Constantine High School and was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

He was a member of the Constantine American Legion Post and UAW No. 2093.

Mr. Bartow was a board member of the Clark Memorial Church.

He was born May 28, 1943, in Lubbock, Texas, to Joseph W. and Joan (Samples) Bartow. His mother survives in Shipshewana. On Nov. 28, 1997, in Chesterfield he married Maureen Fowler. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Michael Mortensen of Constantine; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Deborah Bartow of Constantine; two sisters and brothers-in-law, April and Jim Hill of Centreville, Mich., and Zona and Gary Winter of Newberry, Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Mardeel Wilsón and the Rev. John Heppner officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Family Fund in care of Clark Memorial Church, 316 Division St., Elkhart, IN 46514.

Dennis Gibson Sr.

PIPPA PASSES, Ky. — Dennis Gibson Sr., 67, of Pippa Passes died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at his home. He had been ill for the past year.

Mr. Gibson was a retired factory worker.

He was born Aug. 18, 1937, to Willard and Margaret (Hallie) Gibson.

His first wife, Evelyn Smith Gibson, whom he married in 1956, died in 1996. He then married Anna B. Slone and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Warren and Donna Gibson of Pippa Passes, Dennis Jr. and Amanda Gibson of Kendallville and Terry and Carolyn Gibson of Garrett; two stepsons, Ricky Jacobs and Robert Jacobs Jr.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Reba Ann and Mickey Jacobs; a half brother, Odes Cox of Kendallville; a sister, Tina Conley of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; and one stepgrandchild.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kristy Gibson; six brothers; and three sisters.

Services were Tuesday at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Hindman with Willie Collins and Bethel Bolen officiating.

Burial was in Gibson Cemetery in Rock Fork.

Mary Mueller

FREMONT — Mary J. Mueller, 88, of Fremont died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Mueller was born March 11, 1916, in Indianapolis to Elmer R. and Alma (Downey) Wilson. She was also the foster daughter of John and Freda Clingerman. She was married to Harold Robert Mueller on Sept. 2, 1950, in Churubusco, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 10, 1985.

She worked at Shaw Show Factory in Coldwater, Mich., and was a cook at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater for 20 years. After moving to Fremont in 1970, she worked at the Angola Canvas Shop until she retired in 1980.

She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, baking, word search books, Bible study, camping and fishing. She attended Zion Missionary Church in Fremont, Christian Union Church in Cooney, Ohio, and Jamestown Church in Fremont.

Surviving are a brother, Elmer "Junior" Wilson of Columbia City; several nieces and nephews; and a caregiver and special friend and her spouse, Connie and David Hantz of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Aleen Summers and Louise Worland.

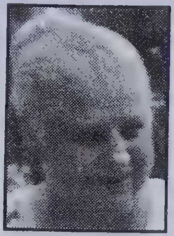
Services will be at noon Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon.

Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery, Wolf Lake.

Memorials are to Jamestown Church or City Care-A-Van.

Bessie Moore

KENDALLVILLE — Bessie Mae Moore, 58, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, at her home.


Mrs. Moore

She was born Jan. 4, 1947, in Hindman in Knott County, Ky., to Andy and Alice (Hicks) Handshoe. She first married Ambrose "Jay" Slone. He died April 4, 1968. In 1970, she married Billy Moore.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmy and Neva Slone and William and Beverly Slone, all of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Katherine and Beech Stanley and Wilma and Morris Whitney, all of Kendallville; two stepsons, Denver Slone of Fort Wayne and Donald Gene Slone of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Kelly Handshoe of Wolcottville, Robert Lee Handshoe of Kendallville, Andy Handshoe of Corunna, Jr. Hicks of David, Ky., and Linza Bolen of Cynthianna, Ky.; six sisters, Ruth Lacy of Garrett, Versa Gyer of Angola, Dorothy Acker of Auburn, Effie Redus of New Albany, Nancy Collins of Wolcottville and Susie Gibson of Garrett, Ky.; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ethel Slone; a stepson, Larry Ray Slone; two grandchildren, Neva Lou Slone and Tabitha Lynn Slone; and two brothers.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Kelly-Howard Cemetery in Floyd County, Ky.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day and evening Saturday at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh. Services will be held at 6 p.m. each evening with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Tony Hopkins

AUBURN — Tony A. Hopkins, 54, of rural Auburn died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, at his home.

Service arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

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Tony Hopkins

AUBURN — Tony A. Hopkins, 54, of Auburn, died from a heart attack Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Hopkins

Mr. Hopkins was a custodian at DeKalb High School. He was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army and served 15 years in the military, serving in Germany, Korea, Vietnam and the Army Reserve before he was discharged in 1995.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints and American Legion Post 178 in Garrett.

He was born Aug. 20, 1950, in Sneedville, Tenn., to Morgan and Ruth (Collins) Hopkins. They preceded him in death.

He married Carol Cox on July 24, 1971, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Angel and Lawton Carter of Auburn; four brothers, Max Hopkins of St. Joe, Jimmy Hopkins of Butler, Mitchell Hopkins of Auburn and Raymond Hopkins of Butler; three granddaughters, Isabella Leigh McLean, Ocean Brook Hopkins and Summer Breeze Carter; and two sisters, Peggy Kuhn of Hamilton and Betty Parker of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tony A. Hopkins II; a sister, Pam; and three brothers, Taylor, Ronnie and Jeff.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Steve Ardhuerumly officiating. Burial will be in the Sedan Cemetery near Corunna. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to a college fund for Mr. Hopkins' granddaughters.

Lee Warstler

OWOSSO, Mich. — Lee LaDean Warstler, 57, of Owosso died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Warstler was born April 16, 1947, in Angola to Walter and Georgia (Cox) Warstler, who preceded him in death in 2003.

Mr. Warstler worked at Fisher Body until his illness. In his younger years he worked at the Zepher Gas Station in Owosso. He coached Little League baseball and ladies' softball. He loved to shoot pool and was a member of the Busch Pool League.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Raquel and Mark Bothast of Sarasota, Fla.; a stepson, Alan Perry of Sarasota; a sister and brother-in-law, Susan and David Gilbert of Owosso; two grandchildren, Andrew and Jacob of Sarasota; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Calling will be 5-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Richard Reuter

AUBURN — Richard K. Reuter, 94, of Auburn, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, at his home on Touring Drive.

Mr. Reuter owned and operated Reuter's Restaurant in Auburn from 1954 to 1975. He managed the Starlite Motel in Auburn for several years and then worked as a security guard for the Dana and Warner Gear plants for several years, retiring in 1986.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, the Auburn Masonic Lodge and the Auburn Elks Lodge.

He was born Feb. 16, 1911, in Peru, Ind., to Oswald and Harriet Reuter.

He married Mary E. Shirley on Sept. 29, 1935, in Hicksville, Ohio. She died April 3, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Donna Reuter of Trinity, Fla., and Thomas and Julia Reuter of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Pamela A. Page of Auburn; six grandchildren, Cheri Wiegman, Lisa Murfitt, Sean Page, Kimberly Gauck, Nicholas Reuter and Derek Reuter; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Jerry Page, and two brothers, Shirle and Russell.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

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Elizabeth Herl

ORLAND — Elizabeth L. Herl, 93, of Orland died Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

She was born May 10, 1911.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Lou Ross** were held Saturday, Feb. 12, at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Valparaiso.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Irene F. McClement** were held Saturday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Preston Slone** were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with Elder Morris Wicker officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Brad Scare, Kevin Riley, Nathan Riley, Dennis Riley, Ike Kidd, Kirby Hoffman, Bradley Hastings and Jason Meade.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Russell Frehse** were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Toole officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Skip Traster, Ray Scott, Larry Rooks, Gary Pulis, Ron Hite and Brian DeCamp.

Howard Blood

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Howard Eugene Blood, 81, of Scottsdale died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, in Scottsdale.

He summered in Angola.

Mr. Blood was born on May 29, 1923, to Howard Mark and Dessie May (Campbell) Blood in Fort Wayne.

He served as a pilot in World War II and the Korean conflict. He retired from Container Corporation of America, Fort Wayne.

He had a summer home at Pine Canyon Lake and attended Fairview Missionary Church while in Angola. He was a member of the Kekionga Voyageurs Outdoor Club. He wintered in Scottsdale, where he was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

A memorial service will be held at The Oasis Community Building in Scottsdale today. A memorial gathering will be held in Angola at a later date.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Messinger Indian School Mortuary, Scottsdale.

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Russell Frehse shows new Lake View Cemetery superintendent Ryan Alwine photos of the cemetery in disrepair at one of the last Lake View Cemetery Committee meetings he attended.

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Historian deserving of lasting tribute

INSIDE COMMENT

Dennis Nartker

It's a sunny, breezy October day in 2006, and the new Kendallville Public Library opens its doors to he public for the first time.

Visitors casually stroll throughout he building surveying the various acilities and services.

Above one room entrance, it reads: The Russell F. Frehse Memorial Genealogy and Local History Department.

Can there be a more fitting, and ong-lasting tribute to a man who quietly spent more than 30 years of his life in libraries, cemeteries and museums researching and recording ocal history?

Kendallville's Rus-sell Frehse, 95, died Friday, Feb. 11, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

I've known Mr. Frehse for most of my life.

As a young man in the 1920s Mr. Frehse went to work for my grandmother, Mary Nartker, at Nartker's Cafe in the 100 block of North Main Street (where Business Service Co. of America is located now). He mopped the floor and wiped windows. When my mother quit school as a teenager to work at the cafe, Mr. Frehse taught her how to be a waitress. She could recall that occasion until she died in April 2004 at age 87.

Every time he walked by our Park Avenue house from his Clark Street home on his way to the post office or to visit an East Dowling Street friend, he would stop to talk if he saw us sitting on the porch.

As city reporter I report on city government and conversed many times with Mr. Frehse at City Council meetings. He attended for his own curiosity and interest until his hearing went bad a couple of years ago.

Mr. Frehse served on the Kendallville Public Library Board of Trustees for 16 years where I also met up with him. I can remember his objection to replacing the card catalog with an automated circulation system. Frehse opposed the innovation. He didn't want to see the old card catalog tossed aside. A majority of trustees voted for the automated circulation's installation but also agreed the card catalog be kept for public use at the same time for a few more years.

History was Mr. Frehse's passion — Kendallville history and Noble County history. He didn't seek publicity for historical projects but came to me when he had something he thought the public would be interested in.

He enjoyed walking through area cemeteries finding information that could be verified about Kendallville's local characters.

One day in May 2000 while going through Lake View Cemetery, he noticed a polished granite urn weighing more than 100 pounds had fallen from the top of the Mitchell family monument. If he could, he would have rectified the situation on the spot.

Only Mr. Frehse could recall in great detail from memory the significance of the Mitchell family to Kendallville's history. It bothered him dearly that the gravesite of the founding father of Kendallville was damaged and no one seemed to care.

Mr. Frehse came to me as he had before and asked if I could write a story about the monument's condition. He believed the Kendallville community should take a special interest in maintaining the William Mitchell gravesite, whose son John Mitchell, also buried there, donated the 25 acres of land for the cemetery in 1865.

I wrote a story with a photo of Frehse and the damaged monument. I had to twist his arm to be in the photo.

On June 29, 2001, stonemasons from Wearly Monuments restored the monument free of charge. Mr. Frehse watched the restoration, smiled, snapped a photo and slowly walked around the gravesite without comment.

In 1997 I wrote a series of stories about the history of Kendallville's downtown business district. Mr. Frehse was the first person I turned to for historical references and anecdotes. Several historical photos published in the series belonged to Mr. Frehse. He had an old photocopy of a Kendallville downtown business district photo identifying each building and its occupant.

When the City Hall remodeling project was under way in 1992, I was kicking through the rubble in the vacant second floor above the annex and found boxes of old photographs and documents Mr. Frehse had given city officials along ago. They were saved and some of the photos are displayed at City Hall.

After a City Council meeting in September 2002, Mr. Frehse mentioned to me he needed someone to take him to the eye doctor in Fort Wayne. I took a day off work and drove him there. On the way we talked about a lot things, mostly about subjects dear to his heart like cemeteries, trees, parks, libraries and downtown Kendallville.

In the doctor's office waiting room, Mr. Frehse took a manila folder titled "Trees" from his brown vinyl case along with newspaper clippings and Arbor Day promotional material.

He said someone should find out about the oldest trees in Kendallville and do something to save them.

A few weeks ago he stopped by the office and told me about his latest endeavor. He'd done the research and wanted me to do the investigation. Mr. Frehse gave me a copy of the Saint Mary of the Assumption Church's centennial booklet and a photocopy of a church-related historical document with a note: "I speculate St. Mary's is the only place in this part of the world where three bells produced by the same person are located. Maybe you could get permission to go up the belfry. — Russell."

Mr. Frehse lived alone and had no family. Despite his growing frailty he wouldn't sell his modest Clark Street house and move into a safer environment with others. I tried several times to get him to move to the Lamplighter or the Chandler House.

His home is wall-to-wall notebooks and folders containing copies of old documents and photographs and hand-written notes about all kinds of subjects that interested him.

When I asked Mr. Frehse what fascinated him so much about local history, he quoted from the Bible in Ecclesiastes: "That which has been is that which shall be. There is nothing new under the sun."

I'll think of Mr. Frehse when I enter the new library, and I'll pause at his gravesite in Lake View Cemetery.

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Mr. Crankshaw was man of joy

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LAKE JAMES — Robert Crankshaw was a simple man who enjoyed simple pleasures; yearly birthday pizza with his youngest grandson; any kind of cookies; and strawberry milkshakes from Steak N' Shake.

Mr. Crankshaw was a devoted family man, often planning trips for his wife, himself, his children and their spouses and children to take together.

"He was just a real family person," said Mr. Crankshaw's daughter-in-law, Susan, who is married to his son, Bob. "He planned a lot of trips for all of us. After Christmas, we'd go to Traverse City to go skiing."

When Mr. Crankshaw and his wife, Jane (his college sweetheart) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary several years ago, Mr. Crankshaw opted to include the whole family in the celebration.

"He treated my sister (Ann Turner of Angola) and I and our spouses to a Caribbean cruise," Bob remembered.

Mr. Crankshaw did a lot of family research, and shared it with his family.

"He had a real sense of family history," Susan said.

Mr. Crankshaw had ties to the Cline family for which the county's local historical museum is named.

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Robert Crankshaw watches the water roll past as he stands on a boat during a family fishing trip in Florida.

That family expanded over the years to include four grandchildren, all of whom Mr. Crankshaw loved spending time with, Bob said.

Mr. Crankshaw was big on family traditions. When they were young, he and Jane began making chocolate souffles for birthdays (because they had a lot of eggs they had to get rid of for some reason, the story goes), and that tradition is carried on today for the Crankshaw children and grandchildren.

"That's something I think we'll always continue doing," Susan said.

Souffles weren't the only sweet thing Mr. Crankshaw enjoyed ... he pretty much liked any kind of baked good, Susan said.

"(Jane) would try to keep him away from sweets and watch what he ate, but he'd always find a way to get something," she said. "If he went into a grocery store, you could bet he'd come out with a package of Archway cookies."

Susan and Bob's son, Adam, shared a birthday with his grandfather. The two would always go to Pizza Hut together to celebrate, "and no one else was invited," Bob said with a smile.

"When he was real little, they'd go buy a toy after the pizza," Bob said. "When Adam got older, they just kept going."

Susan remembered her father-in-law as a man of humor who loved to laugh.

"You'd tell him something funny, and the way he laughed ... his whole body just got into it," she said.

One thing Susan and Bob both remembered was Mr. Crankshaw's insistence on punctuality.

"He always wanted to be early, and he was always in a rush," Susan said.

Bob agreed.

"If he was on time, then he was late," he said.

Mr. Crankshaw died on Feb. 6 at the age of 80. After a career in automotive sales, he retired to Lake James, his boyhood home, in 1985. In addition to his career, Mr. Crankshaw was active in Blackford County and served as the Republican chairman there for 17 years. He was awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash award from Gov. Otis "Doc" Bowen.

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Kenneth Martin

ALBION — Kenneth Bruce Martin, 59, of Albion died at 9:40 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, in the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room in Kendallville after a five-year struggle with Shy-Drager Syndrome.

Mr. Martin was a longtime resident of LaOtto and Albion. He was an exceptional diesel mechanic and worked for International Harvester, Lincolnway International, PN Ruckman Rollins Leasing and, at the start of his illness, Truck Maintenance.

He served his country in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam from 1963 to 1967. He loved his family and was happiest when he was coaching little league or fixing dirt bikes for his sons. He enjoyed listening to music, especially when his wife played the piano or organ. He also enjoyed collecting International Harvester memorabilia and pocket knives.

His friends knew him by the "calling card" he would leave at their houses.

He was born Nov. 30, 1945, in Bluffton to Richard and Velva (Long) Martin. His parents preceded him in death.

On Nov. 6, 1965, he married Pamela (Frymier) Martin. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Scot and Anita Martin, and Ross Martin, all of LaOtto; two grandchildren, Tony and Ashley Martin; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Phil and Pam Martin of Fort Wayne, and Tom and Ginny Martin of Medford, Ore.; an aunt, Lera Bender of Albion; a special aunt and uncle, Bill and Ilo Martin of Roanoke; a cousin and her husband, Estella and Jim Goodpasture of LaFontaine; and good friends who are considered his family, Oran and Carol Winebrenner of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with calling one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Dale Henderson will officiate.

Military graveside services will be provided by American Legion Post 246 of Albion.

Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mary Tucker

ALBION — Mary L. Tucker, 71, of Albion died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at Parkview Hospital Whitley County in Columbia City. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Cheryl Leatherman

ALBION — Cheryl Leatherman, 59, of Albion died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Marilyn Grimes

CROMWELL — Marilyn J. Grimes, 72, of Cromwell died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005. Services are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Elizabeth Herl

ANGOLA — Elizabeth L. Herl, 93, of Angola died Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Herl was a homemaker. She was a member of Nevada Mills United Methodist Church and served as the church organist and pianist for 45 years. Her hobbies included playing her music at home and sewing.

She was born May 10, 1911, in Upland to Lester C. and Jessie (Hesher) Wisner. Her parents preceded her in death.

On May 12, 1934, in Orland, she married Donald D. Herl. He preceded her in death on May 13, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Mary Herl of Angola; a daughter, Roberta Hossler of Cadiz, Ohio; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Margaret Ann McIntosh of Waterloo; a brother, Robert Wisner of San Diego, Calif.; and a niece, Ann Garrett of Waterloo.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, 4710 W. Bachelor Road, Angola, with calling one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Duane Stidham will officiate.

Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, 200 W. Toledo, Fremont.

Elizabeth Waldron

CORUNNA — Elizabeth Irene (Collins) Waldron, 72, formerly of Corunna, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Waldron was a homemaker and worked at Souder Hospital in Auburn.

Born March 21, 1932, in rural Waterloo, she lived all her life at Fairfield Center in rural Corunna until moving to Butler. She attended Fairfield School and was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley.

She married Robert "Mac" Waldron on April 17, 1950, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Rosanna and Mitchell Crager of Butler and Theresa Waldron of Butler; one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Karen Waldron of Hamilton; an adopted granddaughter and her husband, Carolyn and Ron Lien of Albion; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Michael and Nichole Waldron of Butler, Brian and Kathy Crager of St. Joe, Timothy and Jennifer Crager of Butler, Alicia and Tim Fetters of St. Joe., Michelle and Dana Gierhart of Auburn, Aaron Fike of Colorado, Jessica Fike of Butler, Matt and Cassie Peckhart of Butler, and Jennifer and Eric Rosswurm of Auburn; 17 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Arnold Berryhill of Kendallville, Dean Berryhill of Clarion, Pa., and Raymond Berryhill and Everett Berryhill, both of Corunna; three sisters, Naomi Cook of Auburn, Wanda Lorenz of Thermoplis, Wyo., and Marilyn Wielbaker of West Lafayette; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil Collins and Irene Close Collins Berryhill; her stepfather, Russell Berryhill; an infant grandson and two great-grandsons.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice of the Cancer Association.

Allena Perry

BERNE — Allena Michelle Perry, 17 days old, of Berne died Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born Feb. 1, 2005, in Fort Wayne to Ricky and Erin M. (Smuts) Perry Jr. of Berne.

Surviving in addition to her parents are grandparents Ricky Perry Sr. of Berne, Lori Christal and her husband, Jeff, of Bluffton, and Randy and Jaretta Smuts of Geneva; great-grandparents Linda King of Berne, Dale and Kathy Smith of Montpelier, Danny and Connie Smuts of Geneva, Charles Daniels of Lima, Ohio and Jean Daniels of Garrett; and great-great-grandmothers Kathryn Black of Geneva and Pearl Daniels of Portland; an aunt, Justine Perry of Portland; and two uncles, Pastor Sean Smuts of New Corydon and Daniel Smuts of Geneva.

Services will be Monday at 3 p.m. in Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva, with Pastor Sean Smuts officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Geneva.

Calling will be Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Cheryl Leatherman

ALBION — Cheryl Lynne (Matteson) Leatherman, 59, of Albion died at 11:40 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne following a long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Leatherman

Mrs. Leatherman will be remembered as a loving, devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She was involved in the family business with her husband, Keith, and had been actively involved in her children's lives. She enjoyed her role as "Grammy" and loved spoiling her grandchildren.

Mrs. Leatherman enjoyed collecting dolls and operating her doll shop, Carousel of Dolls. She had been involved in the Noble County Saddle Club, the Humane Society of Noble County, Noble County 4-H, Sisterhood of the Sanguine and the queen of the Albion Red Hat Society.

She enjoyed spending time in the backyard "paradise" she and her husband had created and was passionate in caring for her pets.

Mrs. Leatherman loved to travel and she and her family spent a lot of time at their home in the Colorado Rocky Mountains where she loved to picnic in the serenity of the mountains.

She was born July 23, 1945, at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville to Wray and Linda (Kross) Matteson of Albion. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Albion. On July 20, 1963, she married Keith S. Leatherman. He also survives.

Other survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Faye Leatherman of Albion; a daughter and her friend, Lori and Chris of Avilla; a granddaughter, Taylor Courtney; a grandson, Brett Matteson of Albion; a lifelong friend, Jil Leatherman and her daughter, Lindsey, of Albion; her cousin, Rosalee Duckworth of Cerro Gordo, Ill.; a sister, Joan (Leatherman) Bushong of Albion: nieces and nephews Mike and Kim Bushong of southern Indiana, Greg and Michele (Bushong) Bricker of Kendallville, Mike and Jan (Bushong) Taulbee of Kendallville, Steve and Jackie Bushong of Albion; an aunt, Molly (Kross) Mueller of Michigan; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

She was also preceded in death by an aunt, Jesse (Matteson) Duckworth; a brother-in-law, Bernard Bushong; a nephew, Walter P. "Wally" Muesing Jr.; and a cousin, Larry Duckworth.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, the Kidney Association or the Cancer Society.

Marilyn Grimes

CROMWELL — Marilyn J. Grimes, 72, of Cromwell died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Grimes

Mrs. Grimes was a longtime Cromwell resident.

She had worked at Maple Leaf Farms and attended the Rock Church.

Mrs. Grimes enjoyed jazzercising while at the nursing home. She loved animals.

She was born Aug. 18, 1932, in Burlington, Mich., to Daniel and Helen (Gannon) Foote. On May 23, 1950, in Kendallville, she married William E. Grimes. He died in 1985.

Surviving are three sons, Patrick Grimes of Ligonier, Gary Grimes of Plainfield and William Grimes of Lebanon, Ind.; a daughter, Cynthia Riley of Ligonier; two brothers, Ralph Foote of Bloomington and William Foote of Albion; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Grimes.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Sarah Tuttle officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Paul Blech

KENDALLVILLE — Paul Blech, 86, of Kendallville died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Blech

Mr. Blech had worked for McCray Refrigeration for 25 years and then retired in 1981 from Kraft Foods in Kendallville after 22 years of service.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, VFW Post 2749 and American Legion Post 86, all in Kendallville.

Mr. Blech was an avid euchre player and enjoyed traveling and was a member of a travel club. He and his wife, Margaret, enjoyed traveling in their recreational vehicle and traveled to each state of the United States with their travel club.

He was a 1936 graduate of Ashley High School. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corp in 1941, serving with the 12th Tactical Division during World War II. He received an honorable discharge in 1946.

He was born Aug. 26, 1918, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to Frank and Alma (Parr) Blech. On Jan. 20, 1946, in Kendallville, he married Margaret Louise Kline. She died Aug. 9, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rex and Dorothy Blech of Kendallville; a daughter, Karen Garza of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Dorothy Blech of Kendallville; a grandson, Neal Swagger of Kendallville; a granddaughter, April Etter of Auburn; five stepgrandchildren and their spouses, Sonja and Steven Connell of Pleasant Lake, Colleen and Jeff White of Fort Wayne, Jerry W. and Janet Carnahan of Pleasant Lake, Dane and Marnie Carnahan of Angola and Patrick Carnahan of Auburn; two great-grandchildren; 20 stepgreat-grandchildren; and seven stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Edwin and Robert Blech.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Clair Slick

AUBURN — Clair E. Slick, 93, of Auburn died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Mr. Slick co-owned Auburn Automotive and Clutch for 42 years, retiring in 1987. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, the Knights of Columbus, Auburn Moose lodge and Auburn Elks lodge.

He was born Jan. 14, 1912, in Salem Center to Robert and Elsie (George) Slick.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred (Hess) Slick, and a sister, Lois Johnson.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Jane Slick of Toledo, Ohio; a sister, Dorotha Shawver of Pleasant Lake; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Chuck Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

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Virginia German

FORT WAYNE — Virginia H. German, 83, of Fort Wayne died at 5 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for some time and seriously ill for two months.

Mrs. German

She had been a clerk for the State Highway Department for more than 20 years.

Mrs. German was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, the Noble County Homemakers and a former member of the 'Busco Boots 'n' Bonnets square dance club. She had served as an Eel River Township precinct committeeman.

She was born Jan. 1, 1922, in Monroeville to Clay and Golda (Heckler) Spaulding. On Sept. 6, 1942, in Monroeville, she married Erwin R. German. He died June 17, 1991.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Craig and Janice German of Flowery Branch, Ga., and Curtis and (Brenda) German of Fort Wayne; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Cheryl and David Chung of Lusby, Md., Colleen Lunn of Wabash, Carla and Thomas Bechman of Franklin and Carma and Bruce Foster of Laketon; a brother, Floyd Spaulding of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Lucille Woods of Saginaw, Mich., and Pauline Smuts of Tyler, Texas; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Elizabeth Houser, Dorothy Adams and Marguerite Bowers; a son-in-law, Robert Lunn; and a great-grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church with Pastor Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Crash survivor home from hospital

AVILLA — The Avilla teen who survived a crash that killed four members of his extended family is home from the hospital.

McCue

Zachary McCue, 13, was released from Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Friday.

Killed in the crash Jan. 7 at the south intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 in Avilla were McCue's grandparents, Stephen and Evelyn Summers of LaGrange; his aunt, Heidi Kilburn of Kendallville; and Kilburn's daughter, Morgan Kilburn, 11, also of Kendallville.

McCue suffered multiple injuries in the collision, including a hole in his bladder, two or three fractures of his pelvis, a broken jaw, clavicle, and right leg and broken ribs.

Stephen Summers allegedly pulled in front of a wrecker towing a car, causing the crash.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubuso.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Wabash Miami Home Health Care & Hospice, 710 N. East St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

Elizabeth Herl

ANGOLA — Elizabeth L. Herl, 93, of Angola died Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Herl was born May 10, 1911, in Upland to Lester C. and Jessie (Hesher) Wisner. She married Donald D. Herl on May 12, 1934, in Orland, and he preceded her in death on May 13, 1999.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, where she served as the church organist and pianist for 45 years. Her hobbies included playing music at home and sewing.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Mary Herl of Angola; a daughter, Roberta Hossler of Cadiz, Ohio; a sister, Margaret Ann McIntosh of Waterloo; a brother, Robert Wisner of San Diego; a niece, Ann Garrett of Waterloo; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, and also at the church one hour before services on Tuesday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

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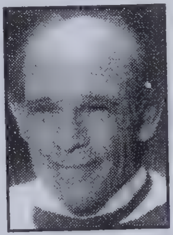
THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error in infroamtion provided by the funeral home.*

Frank Bartow

SHIPSHEWANA — Frank Willson Bartow, 61, of Shipshewana died at 10:31 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, in the emergency room at LaGrange Community Hospital.


Mr. Bartow

Mr. Bartow had retired from American Axle in Three Rivers, Mich. He had spent his lifetime in the Constantine, Mich., and LaGrange County areas.

He was named an All American while playing football at Constantine High School and was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

He was a member of the Constantine American Legion Post and UAW No. 2093.

Mr. Bartow was a board member of the Clark Memorial Church.

He was born May 28, 1943, in Lubbock, Texas, to Joseph W. and Joan (Samples) Bartow. His mother survives in Shipshewana. On Nov. 28, 1997, in Chesterfield, he married Maureen Fowler. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Michael Mortensen of Constantine; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Deborah Bartow of Constantine; two sisters and brothers-in-law, April and Jim Hill of Centreville, Mich., and Zona and Gary Winter of Newberry, Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

Services were Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Mardeel Wilson and the Rev. John Heppner officiating. Burial was in East Springfield Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Family Fund in care of Clark Memorial Church, 316 Division St., Elkhart, IN 46514.

James Walker

DECATUR — James A. Walker, 87, of Decatur died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Walker

He was the former owner of Walker's Sinclair Service Station and was a representative for F. McConnell & Sons.

Surviving are his wife, Rosemary, of Decatur; a son, Jack Walker of Columbia City; two daughters, Elizabeth A. Muller of Fort Wayne and Aletha "Susie" Walker of Albion; two sisters, Garent Diffendarfer and Mildred Enyeart, both of Columbia City; two stepdaughters, Karla Hayes of Tucson, Ariz., and Jane Thieme of Decatur; three grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Vivian Walker; and a sister, Mary Sickafoose.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Emogene Sowle

KENDALLVILLE — Emogene (Johnson) Sowle, 84, of Kendallville died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, in Kendallville.

Mrs. Sowle was born in Helmer on March 22, 1920, to George and Mary (Glasgow) Emrick. He first husband, Edward Johnson, died in 1961, and her second husband, Avon Sowle, died in 1980.

She ran a service station and store in Helmer for 20 years. She moved to Kendallville 21 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marie Botticelli of Montclair, N.J., and Mary Lou and John Hamman of Umatilla, Ore.; two sons and daughters-in-law, James E. and Sally Johnson of Cocoa, Fla., and Jerel Lee and Carol Johnson of San Antonio, Texas; a sister, Louise Burkett of Kendallville; eight grandchildren and several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, rural Hudson.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice or Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

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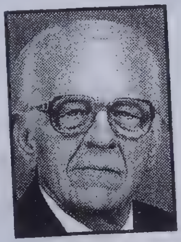
HIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted o correct an error.*

ack Walker

DECATUR — Jack A. Walker, 87, of Decatur died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at Adams County Memorial Hospital.


Mr. Walker

He was the former owner of Walker's Sinclair Service Station in Columbia City and later a representative for F. McConnell & Sons of Decatur. He retired in 1985 after more than 30 years of service.

Mr. Walker was a member of Columbia City Free and Accepted Masons Lodge 189, Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 1906 in Columbia City, the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Decatur.

He was born Nov. 23, 1917, in Columbia City to Willard and Gladys Aletha (Geiger) Walker. He graduated in 1937 from Columbia City High School.

He married Vivian Christiana Haney in Albion, Pa., on March 9, 1941. She died July 19, 1989. On Nov. 22, 1990, in Decatur he married Rosemary Lehman. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jack P. and Linda Walker of Columbia City; two daughters and a son-in-law, Elizabeth A. and Henry Muller of Fort Wayne and Aletha Sue "Susie" Walker of Albion; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Garnet E. and David Diffendarfer and Mildred A. and John Enyeart, all of Columbia City; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Karla and Martin Hayes of Tucson, Ariz., and Jane and Floyd Thieme of Decatur; three grandchildren and their spouses, Christina and Scott Morgan of Columbia City, Shawn and Cordell "Cory" Hoover of Albion and Penny Walker of Churubusco; four stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Sickafoose.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be at South Park Annex Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the funeral home. A Masonic Lodge service will be at 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mizpah Shrine Children's Hospital or St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Frank Vargo

ANGOLA — Frank H. Vargo, 86, of Angola died Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, at home.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Carl Gingrich

GARRETT — Carl E. "Kelly" Gingrich, 67, of Garrett died Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, at 1:40 p.m. at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gingrich was a conductor with the CSX Railroad for 29 years, retiring July 31, 1999.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Garrett Eagles.

He was born April 4, 1937, in Butler to Harold C. and Fern L. (Weldon) Gingrich. They preceded him in death.

He married his first wife, Sally Pence, on Nov. 22, 1978, in Garrett, and she died on Oct. 12, 2002.

He married his second wife, Bonnie Muncio, on Oct. 25, 2003, in Auburn and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Leslie Isbell of Indiana, Carla Shisler of Corunna and Kelly and Dave McClish of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Tracy Gingrich of Hawaii; six grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; one great-grandchild; and two half brothers, James Burns of Avilla and Michael Burns of Fort Wayne.

A brother, Fred Gingrich, preceded him in death.

There will be no funeral service. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School of Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Elizabeth Waldron

CORUNNA — Elizabeth Irene (Collins) Waldron, 72, formerly of Corunna, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Waldron

Mrs. Waldron was a homemaker and worked at Souder Hospital in Auburn.

Born March 21, 1932, in rural Waterloo, she lived all her life at Fairfield Center in rural Corunna until moving to Butler. She attended Fairfield School and was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley.

She married Robert "Mac" Waldron on April 17, 1950, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Rosanna and Mitchell Crager of Butler and Theresa Waldron of Butler; one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Karen Waldron of Hamilton; an adopted granddaughter and her husband, Carolyn and Ron Lien of Albion; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Michael and Nichole Waldron of Butler, Brian and Kathy Crager of St. Joe, Timothy and Jennifer Crager of Butler, Alicia and Tim Fetters of St. Joe., Michelle and Dana Gierhart of Auburn, Aaron Fike of Colorado, Jessica Fike of Butler, Matt and Cassie Peckhart of Butler, and Jennifer and Eric Rosswurm of Auburn; 17 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Arnold Berryhill of Kendallville, Dean Berryhill of Clarion, Pa., and Raymond Berryhill and Everett Berryhill, both of Corunna; three sisters, Naomi Cook of Auburn, Wanda Lorenz of Thermoplis, Wyo., and Marilyn Wielbaker of West Lafayette; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil Collins and Irene Close Collins Berryhill; her stepfather, Russell Berryhill; an infant grandson; and two great-grandsons.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice or the Cancer Association.

Ethel Webb

AUBURN — Ethel Webb, 86, of Auburn, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at 3:25 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Webb worked as a nurse for 50 years, serving in Auburn, Garrett and most recently at the state hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 4, 1918, in Auburn to Curtis and Ida (Smith) Dunn.

She married Ross Webb in Auburn. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Brad R. Webb of Auburn, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Kim Webb.

Memorial services will be at a later date.

The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society, 2120 Autumn Lake Place, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Doris Wells

EDON, Ohio — Doris P. Wells, 93, of Edon, Ohio, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Wells

Mrs. Wells was born July 19, 1911, in Northwest Township, Williams County, Ohio, to D. Wayne and Jennie L. (Whaley) Storer. She was married to Mark R. Wells on June 25, 1933, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 1983.

She was a homemaker. She graduated from Edon High School in 1930, and was a member of the Nettle Lake United Brethren Church and the WMF Society. She later attended Cooney Christian Church and enjoyed reading and sewing.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Jean Wells of Bourbon; friends Harley and Marianne Mehaffey of Edon; and three nephews, Don and Dave Wells of Ohio and Ron Wells of Michigan.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Glen Prine officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Camden Cemetery, Camden, Mich.

Memorials are to Cooney Christian Church or Nettle WMF Women's Group.

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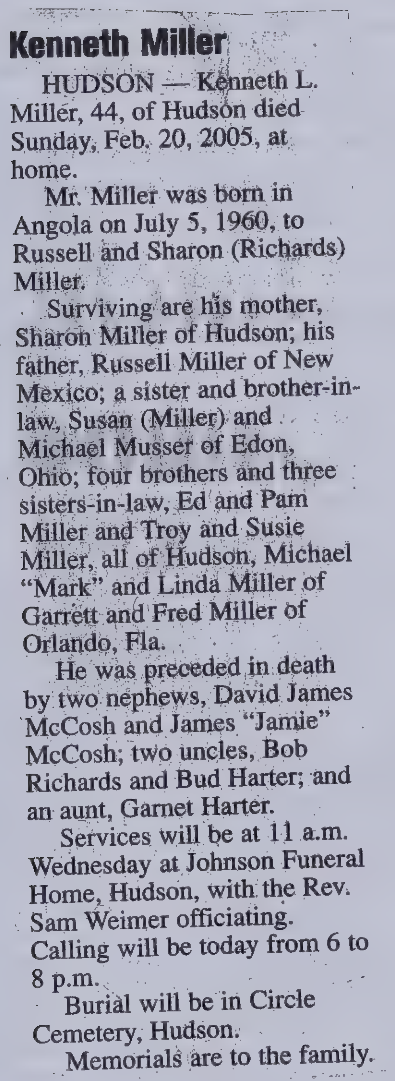

Kenneth Miller

HUDSON — Kenneth L. Miller, 44, of Hudson died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at home.

Mr. Miller was born in Angola on July 5, 1960, to Russell and Sharon (Richards) Miller.

Surviving are his mother, Sharon Miller of Hudson; his father, Russell Miller of New Mexico; a sister and brother-in-law, Susan (Miller) and Michael Musser of Edon, Ohio; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Ed and Pam Miller and Troy and Susie Miller, all of Hudson, Michael "Mark" and Linda Miller of Garrett and Fred Miller of Orlando, Fla.

He was preceded in death by two nephews, David James McCosh and James "Jamie" McCosh; two uncles, Bob Richards and Bud Harter; and an aunt, Garnet Harter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to the family.

Rufus Coburn

EDGEWOOD, Ill. — Rufus Ray "Bud" Coburn, 62, of Edgewood died at 9:25 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Effingham following a short illness.

Mr. Coburn

Mr. Coburn had recently come out of retirement to start a new trucking company, B & C Coburn Trucking, with a fleet of four semis. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Edgewood Full Gospel Church and Edgewood American Legion Post 1168. He had spent most of his life in the Stroh and Wolcottville areas and moved to Illinois seven years ago.

Mr. Coburn was born Sept. 20, 1942 in Handshoe, Ky., to Carl and Minnie (Bolen) Coburn. They are former Stroh residents and are deceased. On Jan. 10, 1998, at Mason Christian Church in Mason, Ill., he married Carolyn Nelson. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Randal and Tammy Coburn of Wolcottville, Rick Coburn of Wolcottville, James and Cathy Coburn of LaGrange, Richard and Shelly Coburn of Avilla and Timothy and Jessica Coburn of Elkhart; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Claudia and Don Cornett of Wolcottville, Janie and Jim Sapp, Debbie Followell, and Norma Magnus and her fiance, Richard Culver, all of Edgewood, and Nancy and Terry Willoughby of LaGrange; five sisters and a brother-in-law, Juanita Owens and Wanda Ritchie, both of Rome City, Virgie Blankenship and Debbie Williams, both of LaGrange, and Mary and Tim Vanderpool of Wolcottville; 23 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Full Gospel Church in Edgewood with the Rev. Judy Poe and the Rev. Randolph Wicker officiating. Burial was in Watson Cemetery in Watson, Ill., with graveside military rites by Edgewood American Legion Post 1168.

Russell Herrick

NOKOMIS, Fla. — Russell Burdette Herrick, 90, of Nokomis died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005.

Mr. Herrick was born July 25, 1914, in St. Joe. He retired in 1979 from Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne. He was a life member of the Fort Wayne Elks Lodge, member of the Angola Moose Lodge and a past president of the Fort Wayne Men's Bowling Association.

He moved to Nokomis in 1979. He was a member of past board chairman of the West Creighton Avenue Christian Church in Fort Wayne, and attended the First Christian Church in Sarasota, Fla.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Betty (Rymers) Herrick of Nokomis; a nephew, David Herrick of Bedford, Va.; and a niece, Karen Lyda of Safety Harbor, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Martha Herrick.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Christian Church, Sarasota.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to First Christian Church Building Fund, 760 Clark Road, Sarasota, FL 34241 or Hospice of Southwest Florida, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

Arrangements are by Ewing Funeral Home, Venice, Fla.

Mary Tucker

ALBION — Mary L. Tucker, 71, of Albion died at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Tucker had lived in the area since 1945 and was a homemaker.

She was a member of Green Chapel Non-Denominational Church at Topeka.

She was born May 25, 1933, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Ira F. and Letha M. (Ziegler) Nicodemus. On Jan. 27, 1956, in Albion, she married Ernest Tucker. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Pamela Rissner and her companion, Jim Brady, and Tami and Bill McKinley, all of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Connie Nicodemus of Merriam, Charles and Sylvia Fulford of Howe and James and Nila Tucker of Rome City; two stepdaughters, Penny James of Albion and Becky Paulidis of Missouri; a brother, Jim Nicodemus of Wawaka; a sister, Barbara Burket of New Hampshire; eight grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and 16 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Donna Tucker.

Services will be at 7 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Roger Russell officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Green Chapel Non-Denominational Church in Topeka.

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James Morris

NEW CASTLE — Former Angola resident James J. Morris, 87, of New Castle died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home after an extended illness.

Mr. Morris was born Feb. 13, 1918, in Drumright, Okla.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Force. He lived in married life in the Hamilton and Angola areas, and was a member of the Community Church of the Nazarene in Angola.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen and Everett Cole of New Castle and Kay Neal of Littleton, Colo.; a stepson, Billy Dean Hennessey of Elleton, Fla.; five grandchildren and their spouses, Chavonne Cole Crouch of Indianapolis, Aaron Cole of New Castle, Jeff and Melanie Neal of Denver and Julie and Tim Barthel of Indianapolis; a niece and her husband, Linda and Dick McVetta of Englewood, Fla.; a nephew, Jimmy Hennessey of Atlanta; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Avada Nickols; his second wife, Margorie Cope Hennessey Morris; a half sister, MaryLou Tussing Dysert; a stepson, Jerry Hennessey; and a brother, Harry "Curly" Morris.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at West Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, with the Rev. Randy Marshall officiating. Military graveside services will be conducted by members of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Memorials are to Community Church of the Nazarene, 501 N. Gerald Lett Ave., Angola, IN 46703.

Arrangements were handled by Macer Funeral Home, New Castle.

Carolyn Smoker

AKRON — Carolyn R. Smoker, 71, of Akron died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at her sister's residence in Akron.

Mrs. Smoker was born Aug. 2, 1933, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to the Rev. Carter and Ethel (Sempsrott) Cummins. She was married to Charles E. Smoker on Oct. 6, 1956, in Akron, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 5, 2001.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Akron Church of God, the Marionettes of the Church and the church choir.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Sheldon Begley of Topeka; three sons and daughters-in-law, Patrick and Freida Smoker of West Lafayette, Jeffery and Brenda Smoker of Angola and Douglas and Libby Smoker of Hudson; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jo Ann and Bobby Clark of Akron and Melba Jones of Topeka; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Beverly Teel of Ellijay, Ga.; her mother-in-law, Violet Smoker of Celina, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Akron Church of God with the Rev. Terry Canfield and the Rev. Steve Fleck officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Memorials are to Hope Hospice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to provide additional information.*

Doris Wells

EDON, Ohio — Doris P. Wells, 93, of Edon, Ohio, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Wells

Mrs. Wells was born July 19, 1911, in Northwest Township, Williams County, Ohio, to D. Wayne and Jennie L. (Whaley) Storer. She was married to Mark R. Wells on June 25, 1933, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 1983.

She was a homemaker. She graduated from Edon High School in 1930, and was a member of the Nettle Lake United Brethren Church and the WMF Society. She later attended Cooney Christian Church, and enjoyed reading, sewing, making baby quilts and bird watching. She enjoyed and lived on the Whaley Homestead Farm, settled by her great-grandparents in 1841.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Jean Wells of Bourbon; friends Harley and Marianne Mehaffey of Edon; six nephews; two nieces; and several cousins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Glen Prine officiating. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Camden Cemetery, Camden, Mich. Memorials are to Cooney Christian Church or Nettle WMF Women's Group.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct a reporter's error.*

Emogene Sowle

KENDALLVILLE — Emogene (Johnson) Sowle, 84, of Kendallville died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005 in Kendallville.

Mrs. Sowle was born in Helmer on March 22, 1920, to George and Mary (Glasgow) Emrick. Her first husband, Edward Johnson, died in 1961, and her second husband, Avon Sowle, died in 1980.

She ran a service station and store in Helmer for 20 years. She moved to Kendallville 21 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marie Botticelli of Montclair, N.J. and Mary Lou and John Hamman of Umatilla, Ore.; two sons and daughters-in-law, James E. and Sally Johnson of Cocoa, Fla. and Jerel Lee and Carol Johnson of San Antonio, Texas; a sister, Louise Burkett of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; and several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, rural Hudson.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice or Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

Marion Kroll

LAGRANGE — Marion L. Kroll, 76, of LaGrange died at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange.

Mrs. Kroll had worked for Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich., until she retired in 1990.

She was born Sept. 28, 1928, in LaGrange to Carl F. and Bertha (Wilford) Stewart. On Oct. 27, 1951, in LaGrange, she married Kenneth Kroll. He died in 1970.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Glenn Manns of Howe; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Denise Kroll of Howe; a sister, Beulah Gray of South Bend; four grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and 12 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, two sisters and a half sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Don Brooks

HOUSTON, Texas — Don L. Brooks, 77, of Houston died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Brooks was born on March 10, 1927, in Angola to Samuel and Beulah Brooks. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam wars. Upon his retirement in July 1967 he moved to Clear Lake City, Texas.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Terry Brooks; daughters Merrilee Sledge, Melody Anne Young and Micki Lou Brooks; a son, Robert W. Haines; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; nieces; cousins; and friends.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Forest Park East Cemetery, Webster, with the Rev. Hampton Mabry officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Crowder Funeral Home, Webster.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460, Austin, TX 78755-0460.

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Cheryl Leatherman

ALBION — Cheryl Lynne (Matteson) Leatherman, 59, of Albion lost her hard fought battle with cancer on Saturday, February 19, at 11:40 a.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. At her passing, she was surrounded by her loving husband of 41 years, Keith, her devoted children and several members of her extended family. Cheryl's life was devoted to her family. This devotion extended far beyond her immediate family. She thought of others first and made each family member feel special and needed. This devotion also carried over to the family businesses in which she was always involved and helped to guide. She was a partner in every sense to her loving husband, Keith. It is not an understatement to say that where you saw one, the other was close by. In many of Keith's various "adventures" - if not directly by his side - you would need only look in the vehicle and there she would be. The devotion was not one sided, as was evidenced during her most recent battle - he was right by her side every step of the way.

Cheryl's children, Ron and Lori, were her pride and joy. From being a den mother for Ron's cub scout troop and supporting his various activities, to following daughter Lori around the area with various sporting events and horse shows, she was the definition of an involved, supporting mother. This love and care extended to her daughter-in-law Faye, who she considered a daughter and one of her best friends.

Two of her greatest joys were her beloved grandchildren Taylor and Brett and sharing the joy of watching them grow. Cheryl took her responsibilities as a Grammy seriously-and spoiled them with love and was always there for them.

She was involved in many area activities over the years including the Noble County Saddle Club, Humane Society of Noble County, and Noble County 4-H. She was the Queen of the Albion Red Hat Society, Sisterhood of the Sanguine.

Her many hobbies included collecting dolls and operating her collectable doll shop-Carousel of Dolls. She enjoyed spending time in the backyard patio paradise that she and Keith created. She was passionate about caring for her many beloved pets as well.

Cheryl loved to travel. Many special family moments were spent at the family home in the Colorado Rocky Mountains. A favorite family activity for her was to load up in Jeeps and have a picnic in the serenity of the mountains.

The greatest gift she gave her family was her love and guidance. Both of these were evident to the end.

She was born Cheryl Lynne Matteson, July 23, 1945 at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. Her parents were Wray and Linda (Kross) Matteson of Albion. On July 20, 1963, she married the love of her life, Keith S. Leatherman.

Surviving are her mother, Linda of Albion; husband, Keith; son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Faye of Albion; a daughter and friend, Lori and Chris of Avilla; a grand-daughter, Taylor Courtney and grandson, Brett Matteson of Albion; life-long friend Jil Leatherman and her daughter Lindsey of Albion; her cousin Rosalee Duckworth of Cerro Gordo, Illinois; Joan (Leatherman) Bushong of Albion; Mike and Kim Bushong of Southern Indiana; Greg and Michele (Bushong) Bricker of Kendallville; Mike and Jan (Bushong_ Taulbee of Kendallville; Steve and Jackie Bushong of Albion; her aunt Molly (Kross) Mueller of Michigan, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. She was loved and cherished by all.

She was preceded in death by her adoring father Wray, her aunt Jesse (Matteson) Duckworth; a beloved brother-in-law, Bernard Bushong;; her nephew, Walter P. (Wally) Muesing, Jr.; and cousin Larry Duckworth.

Calling visitation will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2005, at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel from 2:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., and on Friday, February 25 one hour prior to funeral services at the church.

A service in celebration of her life will be held at the Trinity United Methodist Church of Albion at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 25, 2005, with the Reverend Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Interment will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Preferred memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion or the Kidney Cancer Association.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

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Jack Walker

DECATUR — Jack A. Walker, age 87, of 740 High Street, Decatur, IN, died Sunday, February 20, 2005, at Adams County Memorial Hospital, Decatur, IN. He was born in Columbia City, IN on November 23, 1917 to Willard and Gladys Aletha (Geiger) Walker.

He spent his entire lifetime in Columbia City prior to moving to Decatur, IN in 1990. He graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1937 and then married Vivian Christiana Haney in Albion, PA on March 9, 1941. His second marriage was to Rosemary Lehman on November 22, 1990 in Decatur, IN. Mr. Walker was the founder of Walker's Sinclair Service Station, Columbia City, and he managed it for several years, then he became a wholesale sales representative in northeastern Indiana for F. McConnell & Sons, Decatur. After more than 30 years of service, he retired in 1985. He was a member of Columbia City Free and Accepted Masons Lodge #189, Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge #1906 both of Columbia City, the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne, IN and St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Decatur, IN.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary Walker of Decatur; one son, Jack Pierce (Linda) Walker of Columbia City; two daughters Elizabeth Ann (Henry) Muller of Fort Wayne and Aletha Sue "Susie" Walker of Albion; two step-daughters, Karla (Martin) Hayes, Tucson, AZ and Jane (Floyd) Thieme, Decatur; three grandchildren, Christina (Scott) Morgan of Columbia City; Shawn (Cordell "Corey") Hoover of Albion, and Penny Walker of Churubusco; four step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Garnet E. (David) Diffendarfer and Mildred Ann (John) Enyeart both of Columbia City.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Vivian C. Walker (July 19, 1989) and sister, Mary A. Sickafoose.

A Masonic Lodge Twilight Memorial service was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 23, 2005, with Pastor Fuhrman Miller of St. Marks United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the South Park Annex Cemetery in Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Walker's memory to Mizpah Shrine Children's hospital or St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Decatur.

Marilyn Grimes

CROMWELL — Marilyn J. Grimes, 72, of Cromwell died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Grimes was a longtime Cromwell resident.

She had worked at Maple Leaf Farms and attended the Rock Church.

Mrs. Grimes enjoyed jazzercising while at the nursing home. She loved animals.

She was born Aug. 18, 1932, in Burlington, Mich., to Daniel and Helen (Gannon) Foote. On May 23, 1950, in Kendallville, she married William E. Grimes. He died in 1985.

Surviving are three sons, Patrick Grimes of Ligonier, Gary Grimes of Plainfield and William Grimes of Lebanon, Ind.; a daughter, Cynthia Riley of Ligonier; two brothers, Ralph Foote of Bloomington and William Foote of Albion; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Grimes.

Services were held Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Sarah Tuttle officiating. Burial was in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Mary Tucker

ALBION — Mary L. Tucker, 71, died Saturday, February 19, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

A resident in the Albion area since 1945, she was born in Kalamazoo, MI to Ira F. and Letha M. (Ziegler) Nicodemus on May 25, 1933.

She was married to Ernest Tucker on January 27, 1956 in Albion. He survives.

Mrs. Tucker was a homemaker and a member of Green Chapel Non-Denominational Church in Topeka, IN.

Also surviving are two daughters, Pamela Rissner and her companion, Jim Brady, of Kendallville, and Tami McKinley of Kendallville; three sons, Terry (Connie) Nicodemus of Merriam, Charles (Sylvia) Fulford of Howe, and James (Nila) Tucker of Rome City; two step-daughters, Penny James of Albion and Becky Paulidis of Missouri; eight grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; 16 step-great-grandchildren; one brother, Jim Nicodemus of Wawaka; and one sister, Barbara Burket of New Hampshire.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a sister, Donna Tucker.

Services were held Wednesday, February 23, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Rev. Roger Russell officiating.

Burial will be at a later date.

For those who wish, memorials are to Green Chapel Non-Denominational Church, Topeka.

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Richard Barlow

HUDSON — Richard "Rich" Lewis Barlow, 76, of Big Turkey Lake died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Barlow had moved to the area in 1995 from Lawrence, Kan. He and his wife spent their summers at their home at Big Turkey Lake and their winters in Kendallville.

He was a microbiologist and chemist. He was a 1946 graduate of Lawrence High School and 1951 graduate of Kansas University with a bachelor in arts degree in microbiology.

Mr. Barlow was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

He had retired from the Kansas State Board of Agriculture after 35 years of service where he served as assistant director of the lab that analyzed milk production.

Mr. Barlow enjoyed playing cards, gardening and socializing.

He was born June 10, 1928, in Burlingame, Kan., to Marion Albert and Jessie (Ridley) Barlow. On Jan. 14, 1955, in Spokane, Wash., he married Elizabeth Marie "Betty" McCaffrey. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, the Rev. Kathryn Westmoreland of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sons, Jesse Louis (Ramsey) Barlow of State College, Pa., and Michael Thomas Barlow; a brother, Phillip Lee Barlow of Lawrence, Kan.; three sisters, Marie Love of Watsonville, Calif., Normagene Carpenter of St. Louis, Mo., and Darlene Lindley of Kurrville, Texas; and four grandchildren, Samuel Westmoreland, Aaron Westmoreland, Hillary Barlow and Eun Soo Barlow.

Services were held Saturday, February 19, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Kathryn Westmoreland officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence, Kan.

For those who wish, memorials are to the Kendallville Fire Department.

Elizabeth Waldron

CORUNNA — Elizabeth Irene (Collins) Waldron, 72, formerly of Corunna, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Waldron was a homemaker and worked at Souder Hospital in Auburn.

Born March 21, 1932, in rural Waterloo, she lived all her life at Fairfield Center in rural Corunna until moving to Butler. She attended Fairfield School and was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley.

She married Robert "Mac" Waldron on April 17, 1950, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Rosanna and Mitchell Crager of Butler and Theresa Waldron of Butler; one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Karen Waldron of Hamilton; an adopted granddaughter and her husband, Carolyn and Ron Lien of Albion; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Michael and Nichole Waldron of Butler, Brian and Kathy Crager of St. Joe, Timothy and Jennifer Crager of Butler, Alicia and Tim Fetters of St. Joe., Michelle and Dana Gierhart of Auburn, Aaron Fike of Colorado, Jessica Fike of Butler, Matt and Cassie Peckhart of Butler, and Jennifer and Eric Rosswurm of Auburn; 17 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Arnold Berryhill of Kendallville, Dean Berryhill of Clarion, Pa., and Raymond Berryhill and Everett Berryhill, both of Corunna; three sisters, Naomi Cook of Auburn, Wanda Lorenz of Thermoplis, Wyo., and Marilyn Wielbaker of West Lafayette; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil Collins and Irene Close Collins Berryhill; her stepfather, Russell Berryhill; an infant grandson and two great-grandsons.

Services were held Wednesday, February 23, 2005, at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial was in Fairfield Center Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice of the Cancer Association.

Elderly woman killed by pickup

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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LIGONIER — An elderly Ligonier woman was just one block from her home when she was hit by a pickup truck and killed while trying to cross South Cavin Street (S.R. 5) Wednesday afternoon.

Era Jane Wimmer, 86, died at the scene from injuries she received after being hit in the intersection of Cavin and Fourth streets in downtown Ligonier.

Ligonier police were called to the scene at approximately 3:25 p.m. The fatal accident took place less than two blocks from the police station, and just a couple hundred feet from Mrs. Wimmer's home on East Fourth Street.

The Ford pickup truck was driven by Melissa Hewitt, 21, of Wawaka, according to Sgt. Gary Cox of the Ligonier Police Department. He said no charges have been filed.

Witnesses at the scene told police the pickup truck was turning northbound onto South Cavin Street from West Fourth Street. Police are not sure how far into the intersection Mrs. Wimmer was when she was hit, and their investigation is continuing today, Cox said.

Mrs. Wimmer was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office.

Fred Ott, a friend and neighbor of Mrs. Wimmer, said she frequently walked to businesses in the downtown area from her home, but had limited her walking in recent years, due to health problems.

Mrs. Wimmer once operated area restaurant

She was a widow, having lost her husband, Fred, several years ago, Ott said. "She was a wonderful lady and a very nice neighbor," he said. "We always tried to keep an eye out for her and watch out for her."

Ott said he and his wife were not at home when the accident occurred and didn't learn of it until later in the evening when they returned home from church.

Ott said Mrs. Wimmer had operated a restaurant in the Knapp Lake area for many years, but she and her husband moved to Ligonier after selling the business and retiring about 15 years ago.

Ligonier police were assisted at the scene by Noble County EMS and emergency responders from the Ligonier Fire Department.

Madgie Bolen

WATERLOO — Madgie Bolen, 81, of Waterloo and formerly of Knott County, Ky., died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 19, 1923, in Knott County, Ky., to John Terry and Mary Collins Terry.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Marlin and Martha Bolen of Leo and Lacy and Beverly Bolen of Salt Lick, Ky; three daughters and sons-in-law, Doris Ann and Roger Bailey, Dorlis Landers and Bob Woodward, and Ruby Kay and Ron Mullins; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Brady Bolen; two sons, Eddie and Larry; three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel in Hindman, Ky., with burial at Will Terry Cemetery of Hueysville, Ky.

Calling will be Friday after 5 p.m. at the chapel.

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Jerry Martin

KENDALLVILLE — Jerry Lee Martin, 49, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2003, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana following an eight-month battle with cancer.

Mr. Martin

Mr. Martin was a U.S. Navy veteran and had served as a seaman apprentice. He was stationed at Long Beach, Calif., on the USS Mispillion and honorably discharged Aug. 24, 1973.

He was born March 12, 1955, in Kendallville to Charles William and Margaret Joan (Hoover) Martin. On Oct. 16, 2004, in South Milford, he married Faye Lewis Manns.

Surviving are his wife, Faye Manns-Martin of Kendallville; his father and stepmother, Charles and Ruth Anne Martin of Fort Wayne; his mother and stepfather, Margaret and Wilbur VanAuken of Rome City; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jamie Sue and Michael Taing of Fort Wayne and her twin sister, Charity Ann Martin of Rome City, and Deborah Ann and Wes Pardue of Ashley; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul R. and Tia Martin of Sturgis, Mich.; a stepdaughter and her fiance, Chasity Ann Jeffres and Rex Brown of Kendallville; two stepsons, Nathan Ray Wilcox and his wife, Lashonda, and Jonathan Ryan Wilcox, all of Kendallville; a twin brother, Larry Lee Martin of Kendallville; a sister, Diana Lyn Fromm; two stepbrothers, Jimmy D. Ort and his wife, Naomi, of Los Fresnos, Texas, and James Allen VanAuken; three stepsisters, Marsha Anne Thompson of Fort Wayne,

Stacy Poling and Beth Poling; three grandchildren, Alexis Vuon Taing, Hailey Marie Acree and Kody Martin; seven stepgrandchildren, Christina Faye Wilcox, Allen Wayne Wilcox, Skyler David Wilcox, Lacretia Lyn Jeffers, Kaitlyn Amanda Wilcox, Noah Ryan Wilcox and Heather Nicole Jeffers; and a nephew and his wife, Tony and Betty Martin of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Bertha Greenwalt; maternal grandfather, Harold Hoover; paternal grandparents, Violet Marie Martin and Charles Martin; a nephew, Glenn Dean Martin; and a great-niece, Caitlyn Marie Martin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Independent Baptist Church, S.R. 3, South Milford, with Pastors William Sawyer, Earl Bolen and Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today at the church. An evening service will be at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct information provided to this newspaper.*

Doris Wells

EDON, Ohio — Doris P. Wells, 93, of Edon, Ohio died Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Wells

Mrs. Wells was born July 19, 1911, in Northwest Township, Williams County, Ohio, to D. Wayne and Jennie L. (Whaley) Storer. She was married to Mark R. Wells on June 25, 1933, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 1983.

She was a homemaker. She graduated from Edon High School in 1930, and was a member of the Nettle Lake United Brethren Church and the WMF Society. She later attended Cooney Christian Church, and enjoyed reading, sewing, making baby quilts and bird watching. She enjoyed and lived on the Whaley Homestead Farm, settled by her great-grandparents in 1841.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Jean Wells of Bourbon; friends Harley and Marianne Mehaffey of Edon; six nephews, two nieces and several cousins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Glen Prine officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Camden Cemetery, Camden, Mich.

Memorials are to Cooney Christian Church or Nettle WMF Women's Group.

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James Osborn Sr.

BRYAN, Ohio — James J. Osborn Sr., 74, of Bryan died at 3:33 a.m. Wednesday at Community Hospital of Williams County in Montpelier.

Mr. Osborn was the owner-operator of OTR Trucking and employed part time at Cooper's Hatchery. He was a former supervisor at GM. He had farmed in Defiance and Williams counties in Ohio and Noble County in Indiana.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, American Quarter Horse Association and the Defiance County Sheriff Posse Association.

He was born March 29, 1930, in Defiance, Ohio, to Earl R. and Eleonora P. (Rohlf) Osborn. In April 1988, he married Joyce Stout. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, James Osborn Jr. of Oakwood and Bruce Osborn of Grover Hill; three daughters, Brenda Watson of Evansport, Barbara Breckler of Defiance and Judy Bortner of Kendallville; two stepsons, Dan Lawson of Fort Wayne and Mike Lawson of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Linda Wicker of Kendallville; two brothers, Earl Osborn of Bryan and Ronald Osborn of Defiance; three sisters, Edith Chandler of Defiance, Dorothy Juillard of Basin, Wyo., and Beatrice Bendele of Wayne; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Joseph.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home in Defiance. Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance County.

Calling will be from 7-9 p.m. today and 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Defiance County 4-H Horse Council or to the church.

Joan Stewart

FORT WAYNE — Joan Nancy O'Connor Stewart, 85, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of Australia, she was a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church.

Surviving are a son, Kevin Robert Stewart of Butler; three daughters Ann Denise Stewart of Indianapolis, Gillian "Jill" Elizabeth Stewart Emerson of Savannah, Tenn., and Susan Vera Stewart of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Denise O'Connor Howlett of Perth, Australia.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Robert, in 1998; and brothers, Kevin and John O'Connor.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road.

Calling will be from 7 to 9 tonight at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer Fund.

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Pedestrian dies after being hit

LIGONIER — An elderly Ligonier woman was killed Wednesday after she was hit by a pick-up truck at a downtown intersection.

At approximately 3:25 p.m. Wednesday, Ligonier police were dispatched to an accident at the intersection of South Cavin St. and West Fourth St., just two blocks from the police station.

Upon arrival at the scene, police found that a pedestrian, identified as Era Jane Wimmer, 86, had been struck by a pick-up truck as she attempted to cross the street.

The Ford truck was driven by Melissa Hewitt, 21, of Wawaka, according to Sgt. Gary Cox of the Ligonier Police Dept.

Witnesses at the scene advised police that the pick-up truck was turning northbound onto S. Cavin St. from W. Fourth St.

Mrs. Wimmer was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office.

An investigation into the fatal accident is continuing, according to Cox.

Ligonier police were assisted by the Noble County EMS and emergency responders from the Ligonier Fire Department.

Marilyn Grimes

Mrs. Grimes

CROMWELL — Marilyn J. Grimes, 72, of Cromwell died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Grimes was a longtime Cromwell resident.

She had worked at Maple Leaf Farms and attended the Rock Church.

Mrs. Grimes enjoyed jazzercising while at the nursing home. She loved animals.

She was born Aug. 18, 1932, in Burlington, Mich., to Daniel and Helen (Gannon) Foote. On May 23, 1950, in Kendallville, she married William E. Grimes. He died in 1985.

Surviving are three sons, Patrick Grimes of Ligonier, Gary Grimes of Plainfield and William Grimes of Lebanon, Ind.; a daughter, Cynthia Riley of Ligonier; two brothers, Ralph Foote of Bloomington and William Foote of Albion; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Grimes.

Services were Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Sarah Tuttle officiating. Burial was in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct and provide additional information.*

Jerry Martin

KENDALLVILLE — Jerry Lee Martin, 49, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana following an eight-month battle with cancer.

Mr. Martin

Mr. Martin was a U.S. Navy veteran and had served as a seaman apprentice. He was stationed at Long Beach, Calif., on the USS Mispillion and honorably discharged Aug. 24, 1973.

He was born March 12, 1955, in Kendallville to Charles William and Margaret Joan (Hoover) Martin. On Oct. 16, 2004, in South Milford, he married Faye Lewis Manns.

Surviving are his wife, Faye Manns-Martin of Kendallville; his father and stepmother, Charles and Ruth Anne Martin of Fort Wayne; his mother and stepfather, Margaret and Wilbur VanAuken of Rome City; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jamie Sue and Michael Taing of Fort Wayne and her twin sister, Charity Ann Martin of Rome City, and Deborah Ann and Wes Pardue of Ashley; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul R. and Tia Martin of Sturgis, Mich., and Micheal Douglas Martin of Wabash; a stepdaughter and her fiance, Chasity Ann Jeffres and Rex Brown of Kendallville; two stepsons, Nathan Ray Wilcox and his wife, Lashonda, and Jonathan Ryan Wilcox and his fiancee, Mindy Brady, all of Kendallville; a twin brother, Larry Lee Martin of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Diana Lyn and George Fromm of Fort Wayne; two stepbrothers, Jimmy D. Ort and his wife, Naomi, of Los Fresnos, Texas, and James Allen VanAuken; three stepsisters, Marsha Anne Thompson of Fort Wayne, Stacy Poling and Beth Poling; three grandchildren, Alexis Vuon Taing, Hailey Marie Acree and Kody Martin; seven stepgrandchildren, Christina Faye Wilcox, Allen Wayne Wilcox, Skyler David Wilcox, Lacretia Lyn Jeffers, Kaitlyn Amanda Wilcox, Noah Ryan Wilcox and Heather Nicole Jeffers; and a nephew and his wife, Tony and Betty Martin of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Bertha Greenwalt; maternal grandfather, Harold Hoover; paternal grandparents, Violet Marie Martin and Charles Martin; a nephew, Glenn Dean Martin; and a great-niece, Caitlyn Marie Martin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Independent Baptist Church, S.R. 3, South Milford, with Pastors William Sawyer, Earl Bolen and Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

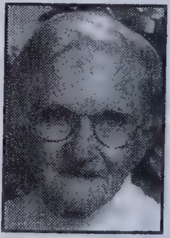
Memorials are to the family.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ida Troyer

GOSHEN — Ida Troyer, 90, of Goshen died at 12:40 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at Greencroft Nursing Center in Goshen.



Mrs. Troyer

Mrs. Troyer had moved to Goshen two years ago from Oklahoma.

She was a homemaker and a member of Clinton Brick Church.

She was born Feb. 19, 1915, in Oklahoma to Rudy and Sarah (Yoder) Detweiler. In 1935, she married Neal Troyer. He died May 11, 1974.

Surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Edna and Alva Yoder of Crawford, Miss., Alma and Don Eichelbeger and Lydia and Verland Lawrence, all of Pryor, Okla., Susie and Arnold Adair and Ida and Dale Shetler, all of Adair, Okla., and Wilma Garrett of Garland, Texas; seven sons and daughters-in-law, Freeman and Katie Troyer and Larry and Sandy Troyer, all of Pryor, Rudy and Sara Troyer of Sarasota, Fla., Mose and Marge Troyer of Middlebury, Neal and Karen Troyer of Altamont, Kan., Andrew and Dawn Troyer of Wolcottville and William and Lisa Troyer of Victoria, Texas; 39 grandchildren; 79 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 16 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Griner Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Ron Kennel officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to Clinton Brick Mennonite Church.

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Harry Schulthess

MADISON, Wis. — Harry Schulthess, 89, of Madison and formerly of Garrett died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at St. Marys Care Center where he had been a patient the past year and a half.

Mr. Schulthess

Mr. Schulthess had retired in 1980 as vice president of Reitan Lerdahl Insurance Co. in Madison with 32 years of service.

He had coached basketball teams, was an avid trout fisherman and a bird hunter. He was a member of the Masons and the Elks. He was affiliated with the Zor Shrine where he was a member of the Camel Patrol and enjoyed giving rides to children on Sundays for 10 years. He also was a member of the Royal Order of Jesters and Veterans Patrol.

Mr. Schulthess was born Aug. 31, 1915, in Garrett to Henry and Maude (Brown) Schulthess. His parents died when he was young and he lived with a sister until she died four years later. He was a 1933 graduate of Garrett High School where he excelled in basketball and earned a scholarship to Ball State University and later to the University of Tennessee.

He was drafted in 1942 while living with a brother. He was assigned to the U.S. Armored Division at Fort Knox where he also played basketball. He attended Officers Candidate School and served in the Philippines for a brief period at the end of World War II. He retired as a first lieutenant.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Alice; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Mary Schulthess of Papillion, Neb., and John and Donna Schulthess of Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister, Martha Lovett of Kendallville; a brother-in-law, Bob Cashel of Dallas, Texas; a sister-in-law, Evangeline Cashel of Dallas; four grandchildren, Dan, Kevin, Jeff and Heidi; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Vernon; a sister, Mary; a grandson, Mikel; and a sister-in-law, Margaret Cashel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Cress Funeral Home, 3610 Speedway Road, Madison, with the Rev. William Wineke officiating. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

Joseph Kolb

ORLANDO, Fla. — Joseph B. Kolb, 89, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, in Orlando, Fla.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Glenn Stealy

ELKHART — Glenn R. Stealy, 82, of Elkhart died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, at Hubbard Hill Estates in Goshen.

He was born March 2, 1922, in Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home and Crematory of Elkhart.

Frank Vargo

ANGOLA — Frank H. Vargo, 86, of Angola and formerly of Southfield, Mich., died Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, at his niece's home in Angola.

Mr. Vargo was born Oct. 24, 1918, in Elgin, Ill., to William and Emma (Metzler) Vargo. He was a porter at the Oakland Hills Country Club in Birmingham, Mich., for 30 years.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the Berkley American Legion Post in Berkley, Mich.

Surviving are a sister, Helen Leffert of Chicago; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. on March 5. For more information on the service, call H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home at 665-2211.

Donna Bohde

FORT WAYNE — Donna Z. Bohde, 86, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bohde was a native of Albion.

She was a sales manager with Nobson's for two years and employed at Baldwindow for three years.

She was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Michile Conrad of Fort Wayne; a sister, Eva Donley of Avilla; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward, in 2003.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

Gertrude Tubbs

ANGOLA — Gertrude Pauline "Pat" Tubbs, 94, of Fremont died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Tubbs was born on April 21, 1910, in California Township, Mich., to Rennie A. and Glendora (Peppers) Gould.

She married Raymond H. Tubbs on Aug. 11, 1934, and he preceded her in death on April 11, 2002. She was a homemaker and operated a fish shop in Jonesville, Mich. She also operated an adult foster care home in Jonesville.

Mrs. Tubbs moved to Fremont in 1912 with her parents and grew up in the Fremont area. She also was a resident of Coldwater, Mich., Jonesville, and Lake Havasu, Ariz. She was a member of the Jamestown Church.

She is survived by a brother, Everett Gould of Pennsylvania; five grandchildren, William Fifield of Ashley, Patsy Adamson of Flint, Mich., Renee Blankenship of Hillsdale, Mich., Ren Beebe of Reading, Mich., and Charo Nester of Auburn; several great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews; three brothers-in-law, Robert Tubbs of Eaton Rapids, Mich., Herman Tubbs of Coldwater, and Rolland Tubbs of Hillsdale; and two sisters-in-law, Maryline Blohn of Phoenix, Ariz., and Geraldine Maier of Waunakee, Wis.

She also was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Ellen Buknis and Helen Henley; a son, Franklin Beebe; and a daughter, Vivian Anne McAuley.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Sunsetview Cemetery, Jonesville.

Memorials are to the Jamestown Church, Fremont.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Lyle Schrock

LAGRANGE — Lyle Eugene Schrock, 6 days old, of rural LaGrange, died at 9:25 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at his residence.

He was born in Topeka on Feb. 19, 2005, to Daniel M. and Carrie W. (Hochstetler) Schrock. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving are two sisters, Neoma Irene and Waneta Kay Schrock, at home; two brothers, David Allen and Marvin Dean Schrock, at home; maternal grandparents, Wesley and Mary Hochstetler of LaGrange; and paternal grandparents, Marvin and Mary Schrock of Middlebury.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Orva Miller residence, 2140 S. C.R. 050W, LaGrange, with Bishop Eli P. Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is today after noon and Sunday until the service at the Miller residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence Domer

LAGRANGE — Lawrence Domer, 95, of Shipshewana died at 8:40 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at the Life Care Center, LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

Carl Gingrich

GARRETT — Burial of the remains of Carl E. "Kelly" Gingrich, 67, of Garrett will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery.

Mr. Gingrich died Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, at 1:40 p.m. at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Robert Zmyslony

GARRETT — A memorial Mass for Robert J. Zmyslony, 84, of Garrett will be Tuesday at 9 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Mr. Zmyslony died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at 7:50 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett handled arrangements.

Madaline French

ANGOLA — Madaline V. French, 89, of Angola and formerly of Camden, Mich., died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

She was born on Oct. 24, 1915, in Williams County, Ohio, to Emerson and Bessie (Replogle) Rosendale. Mrs. French was a homemaker.

She is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Ardith and Bob Cary of Angola; and a nephew, Kevin Cary of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd French.

There will be no service or visitation.

Burial will be in Woodbridge Cemetery, Camden, Mich.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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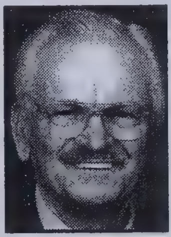
Lyman Constantine

AVILLA — Lyman Robert "Beans" Constantine, 84, formerly of Kendallville, died at 5:20 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. He had been a Provena resident since 2001.


Mr. Constantine

Mr. Constantine was an Air Force veteran of World War II and flew 30 missions over Germany and Czechoslovakia in a B-17 bomber.

He was an industrial engineer at Kraft Foods in Kendallville from 1939 to 1986. He was a member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge, American Legion Post 86, Royal Neighbors and Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

As a youth he was given the nickname "Beans."

He was born Oct. 30, 1920, in Granville, Ill., to John P. and Mary Violet (Sparling) Constantine. He married Darlene V. Martin in Rockford, Ill., on Feb. 14, 1942. She died on May 15, 1983. In Kendallville on Jan. 20, 1990, he married Nancy C. Messmore. She survives in Kendallville.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Leonard Constantine of Kendallville; a stepson, Lon Messmore of Huntington; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Lisa and Arden Boocher of North Manchester, and Leah and Chris Janes of Greenfield; four grandchildren, Misty, Adam, Drew and Miles Simmons; four stepgrandchildren, Andon and Ashton Booher, Tressa Janes and Kennedy Jones; and a nephew, Jon Passini, West Chicago, Ill.

In addition to his parents and first wife, a daughter, Marilyn C. Simmons, preceded him death on June 6, 1997, and also a brother, Henry "Huck" Constantine; and three sisters, Julie, Leota and Dorothy "Dottie" preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery with military graveside services by Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church prior to services.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or the Noble County Council on Aging Building Fund.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Paul Blech** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jerry Newcomer, Robert Blech Jr., Jerry W. Carnahan, Dane Carnahan, Jeff White, Thomas Kline and Neal Swagger. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Emma Johnston

KENDALLVILLE — Emma C. Johnston, 99, formerly of Churubusco, died at 9:20 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Johnston

She had been at Shepherd of the Hill for nine years.

Mrs. Johnston was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco and the SCC Club.

On Oct. 19, 1905, she was born in Leo-Cedarville to John Adam and Isabelle (Metzger) Fuchshuber, and spent her formative years in Fort Wayne.

She married Herman Miller, who preceded her in death in 1931. She married James H. Johnston on Jan. 18, 1956, and moved to Churubusco. He preceded her in death on Sept. 23, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Kenneth Leitch Jr. of Avilla; a sister, Martha Bertha Zelt of Petosky, Mich.; six grandchildren and four of their spouses, Ellen and Gary Smith of Albion, Val and Jerry Cheek of Leo-Cedarville, Jeannette and Gary Petelle and Scott and Debbie Leitch, all of Churubusco, Vicki Leitch of Moore, Okla., and Christopher Hardacre of Columbia City; 11 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and two husbands, two brothers, Charles Fuchshuber and Louis Fuchshuber, and two sisters, Maude Sink and Mary Soest, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Faith Lutheran Church, Churubusco, with Pastor Lane Burgland officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is today from 2 to 6 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to Faith Lutheran Church or Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at: sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Helen Mishler

PLATO — Helen L. Mishler, 86, died at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at her Plato residence.

Mrs. Mishler

Mrs. Mishler was co-founder of Super Blend Inc., and was an elementary school teacher in LaGrange County for 40 years, retiring in May 1990 from Topeka Elementary. She began her teaching career in 1936 at Benton School in Elkhart County. She also taught in several one-room schools in the area including Pashan, Green and Huff, and at Bloomfield and Clay elementary schools.

The lifetime LaGrange County resident was actively involved as a children's Sunday School leader and teacher at Forks Mennonite and Plato Mennonite churches. She was a member of Shore Mennonite Church and the Indiana State Teachers Association.

She graduated from Shipshewana High School in 1934, and Goshen College in 1936.

On April 18, 1918, in Shipshewana, she was born to Earl J. and Ruby (Stahl) Miller. She married Merrill M. Mishler in Middlebury on Oct. 2, 1938. He preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 2001.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Mary Mishler and James Mishler, all of LaGrange; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ruth and Edwin Basinger of Catoosa, Okla., Rose and Philip Miller of LaGrange, and Retha Filhart of Coleman, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Walt and Opal Miller of Syracuse and Lloyd and Dorothy Miller of Indianapolis; a sister and brother-in-law, Treva and Harve Richer of Mooresville; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, a sister, Ruth (Victor) Hooley, and a brother, Harold (Mary Jane) Miller, preceded her in death.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Shore Cemetery with the Rev. Ernest Christner officiating. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. at Shore Mennonite Church with the Rev. Dean Brubaker officiating.

Calling will be 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship or Shore Rainbow Years Learning Ministries.

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'B' Robbins was one special lady

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CROMWELL — Her full name was Mary Bernice Robbins but everyone called her "B." And everyone means, well everyone. And it was just "B," the letter, not Bee or Bea.

Mrs. Robbins died on Feb. 12 at the age of 95. In nearly a century of living, she acquired countless friends who treasured the time they spent with her.

Mrs. Robbins resided in Cromwell for more than seven decades and lived in this part of the state her entire life. She enjoyed multiple careers, not only as a wife and mother, but also as a beautician at Gerard's Beauty Salon in North Webster. That was right after high school after she graduated from a beauty college in Angola.

Over the years she also worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier and assisted her husband, Donald, at Cromwell Advance Printing. That firm is still in the family, as her daughter and son-in-law, Greta and Jim Wallace, keep the printing press running. They are the third generation of the Robbins family to operate the business.

When it came to friends, "B" Robbins had one special person at the top of her list: Helen Harper, a lifelong resident of Cromwell. The long-time friends met at one another's homes on a daily basis, and played cards every day for the past 25 years.

"Our friendship certainly lasted through the years," Mrs. Harper said last week while reflecting on her friend. "We laughed a lot."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Mary "B" Robbins is shown in the back yard of her Cromwell home. This photo was taken in the summer of 2004, and in the background, hanging from a tree, is a huge hornets' nest. She spent a lot of time nurturing the flowers and plant life in her yard.

The women played a game they called "3-13" and a couple of quarters always changed hands. "She called me her gambling friend," Mrs. Harper laughed, "even though we never really gambled. She was a very special lady and was always very, very good to me and my family."

When she wasn't playing cards, Mrs. Robbins' accomplishments were many, including being named the 2001 Cromwell Citizen of the Year. She shared that honor with Mrs. Harper and the two were feted as grand marshals for that year's Cromwell Days Festival parade.

Mrs. Robbins was a member of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cromwell. Her husband died in 1974 after almost 42 years of marriage. They were married on Christmas Day in 1932.

One of Mrs. Robbins' true loves was gardening and taking care of the flora and fauna that dotted the backyard of her Cromwell home. She was past president of the Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club, as well as the Elkhart County Bonsai Club. In addition, she was a past worthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star, and also greatly enjoyed making crafts of all kinds.

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Kenneth Nusbaum

FORT WAYNE — Kenneth Allen Nusbaum, 73, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, of natural causes at the Hospice Center of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Nusbaum was employed by Zollner Corp. for 32 years, retiring from the pin-fit department in the mid-1980s. He belonged to American Legion Post 82, the Eagles lodge and the Order of Odd Fellows.

He enjoyed working on cars, attending the classic car auction and, in his younger years, racing his stock car at the old Fort Wayne Raceway. He still enjoyed racing, especially NASCAR.

He received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army after serving his country in Korea from 1954 to 1956.

He was born Feb. 9, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Earl and Regina (Auer) Nusbaum.

He married Margaret C. Clark on June 13, 1959, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Cyndi Nusbaum of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Jim Gillenwater of New Haven; a granddaughter, Mary Gillenwater; three brothers, James, Steven and Robert Nusbaum, all of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Mary Ellen Sieling of Oceanside, Calif.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church on St. Joe Road in Fort Wayne. Interment will follow in Covington Memorial Gardens of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home and Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the church.

A prayer service will be Monday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church.

Joseph Kolb

ANGOLA — Joseph B. Kolb, 89, of Orlando, Fla., and formerly of Angola, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, in Orlando.

Mr. Kolb formerly owned an automobile dealership. He was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Sigma Epsilon Society, the Masonic Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shrine Temple.

He belonged to the Angola First Congregational United Church of Christ and was a life member of the Angola Elks lodge.

He was born Feb. 6, 1916, in Angola to Edward Carl and Lois (McCool) Kolb.

Surviving are his wife, Maxine (Fogleman) Bateman Kolb of Orlando; a son and daughter-in-law, James Edward and Evelyn Kolb of North Port, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joan Kolb and Hubert Longest of Boca Grande, Fla., and W. Caroline and Don Wise of Cape Coral, Fla.; 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Eugina Kolb, on March 9, 1984; and three grandchildren, Tina Marie Kolb in 1969, Linda Longest in 1963 and Bert Longest in 1991.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. The Rev. Deborah Davis will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery of Angola.

Calling will be Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the United Cerebral Palsey Foundation.

Michelle Wagers

EDWARDSBURG, Mich. — Michelle Denise Wagers, 46, of Edwardsburg, Mich., died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at 8:04 a.m. in Elkhart General Hospital following a sudden illness.

She was an 11-year employee of Paul's Electronics, Elkhart, until its closing in 2000. She most recently worked in the meat department at Wal-Mart on C.R. 6, Elkhart. She enjoyed homemaking and "old-school" rock 'n' roll music.

She was born July 27, 1958, in Kendallville to Clifford and Patricia (Kauffman) Bowers.

On April 20, 1996, she married John M. Wagers in Union, Mich.

She is survived by two daughters, Lori B. Stoltz of Elkhart and Brandy Stoltz of Edwardsburg, Mich.; a son, Tommy Stoltz of Topeka; a sister and brother-in-law, Vicki and Dennis Butler of Ligonier; her father; five grandchildren and one stepgrandchild.

She was preceded in death by her mother and a brother, Craig Bowers.

Services were held Saturday at Billings Funeral Home in Elkhart, with the Rev. Keith McFarren of Faith United Methodist Church, South Bend, officiating.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Michelle D. Wagers memorial fund, care of Billings Funeral Home, Elkhart.

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Pauline Miracle

CHURUBUSCO — Pauline V. Miracle, 84, a former resident of Churubusco, died early Friday morning, Feb. 25, 2005, in Heritage Park Nursing Home at Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

She had lived in Speedwell, Tenn., before moving to Churubusco in 1960. She then moved to Fort Wayne in 1991.

She worked for the Monsanto Co. in Ligonier as an assembly worker until she retired in 1975.

She was born May 17, 1920, in Middlesboro, Ky., to Paris and Mossie (Smith) Wylie.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard L. and Judy Miracle of Fort Wayne, and Bobby L. and Amelia Miracle of Oklahoma, City, Okla.; two sisters, Margaret Ginkinger of Allentown, Pa., and Helen Mosingo of Monroe, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Betty Wylie of Cumberland Gap., Tenn.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ed and Charles, and three sisters, Gladys, Ruby and Hattie.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Wylie Cemetery at Harrogate, Tenn., conducted by Reece Funeral Home of Harrogate.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with a prayer service at 5 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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"I don't think anything prepares you for seeing your kid on a cart."

Terry Clark, mother of Zach McCue

Recovering from a lost month

Zachary McCue doesn't remember crash that claimed relatives' lives

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AVILLA — Terri Clark stepped outside her home on a day when others had been complaining about cold and clouds and said, "It's a beautiful day."

For Clark, life is a bit more beautiful these days, if still tempered with sadness. Her son, Zachary McCue, 13, came home recently after spending over a month in the hospital following a crash that killed four members of his extended family.

The same positive attitude that saw the beauty in a gray February day is shared by mother and son, and may have a lot to do with why Zach is recovering so quickly.

"I'm doing pretty well — a lot better from where I started," Zach said.

The eighth-grader suffered a hole in his bladder, multiple fractures of his pelvis, a broken jaw, clavicle, and right leg and broken ribs in the accident. He also suffered a brain injury, resulting in a loss of short-term memory.

Most of Zach's bones are healed, Clark said. An X-ray of his leg this week will tell doctors if the cast can come off, and he also will see a doctor about his jaw.

"The short-term memory problem is probably what he's working on the most," Clark said.

Zach has no memory of the accident that took the lives of his maternal grandparents, Stephen and Evelyn Summers of LaGrange; his aunt, Heidi Kilburn; and a cousin, Morgan Kilburn.

ANDY BARRAND

Zachary McCue holds his baby sister Cassidy while she sleeps. Cassidy was born on Feb. 14, the same week that Zach came home from the hospital.

Doctors told him he'll probably never remember the crash, Clark said. "It'll be like a lost day."

Actually, according to Zach, it's closer to a lost month. He can only remember events back to Feb. 11, more than a month after the crash.

Clark remembers arriving at the hospital the night of the crash all too clearly.

"The chaplain greeted us," Clark

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Zach's recovery has been quicker than doctors expected

said. He gave them an update on Zach's condition and tried to prepare them to see him.

"I don't think anything prepares you for seeing your kid on a cart," Clark said.

Clark was eight months pregnant at the time of the accident. Emergency personnel checked her out on her arrival at the hospital, she said. "The nurses took care of the family, too."

When Zach first regained consciousness, he had a trachea tube and couldn't speak. He wrote messages on a pad.

When reminded, Zach can recall some events from that lost month. He's heard reminders enough to know one thing: "The first thing I wrote was 'Help.'"

It was like coming out of a fog, he explained. The first thing that hit him was the pain, prompting the request.

Another event he remembers was watching the video his fellow Avilla School students made in support of him. That helped, he said.

So did the visitors, and there were lots of them. "He had tons of kids that came down and saw him," Clark said. His middle school basketball teammates were among the visitors.

His visitors also included the Samaritan helicopter pilot who flew him to the hospital, who came up to see him eight times, Zach said.

The pilot felt a connection to Zach. "The Samaritan pilot went to Avilla School," Zach said.

Doctors at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne were concerned about the visitors at first, since brain-injured people sometimes get agitated, Clark said. But the effect was the opposite, since it helped him feel better.

In fact, Zach's recovery has been quicker than doctors expected, Clark said.

That's not to say doctors were negative. "Everybody has been very positive," Clark said. "Everyone felt he would be able to resume school and get back to where he was.

"It just takes time," she said.

The same week Zach came home, the family had another adjustment to make. "I had a baby on Feb. 14," Clark said.

Cassidy Rose Marie Clark is doing well, her mother said.

Cassidy's middle names are a tribute to Clark's sister, Heidi Rose Kilburn, and niece, Morgan Marie Kilburn, who died in the crash.

Having a new baby and a recovering teen at home at the same time could be daunting, but three area churches have sent volunteers to help the family at home and in keeping appointments, Clark said.

Zach thanks everyone who prayed for him or visited him, and especially the Conley family.

Clark said it's hard to believe all this has happened in only seven weeks. "It seems like it's been a year," she said.

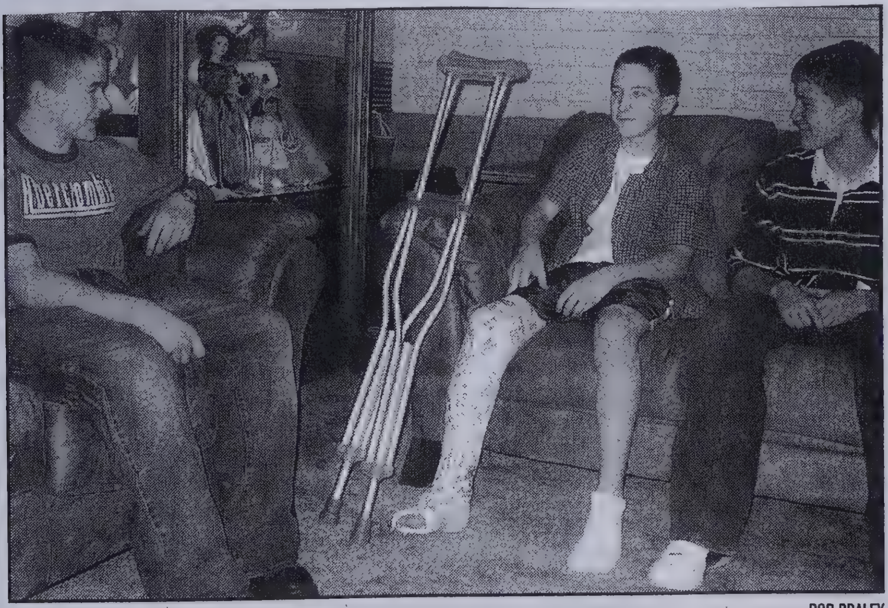
As for the future, Zach wants to be a a prosecuting attorney someday.

In the nearer term, he hopes to have his feeding tube — inserted in the hospital, but not in use for some time — out by his birthday early next month, and he's hoping to go back to school soon.

Clark said he'll probably be phased back in at school a class or two at a time because of his recovery.

Zach lives within a few blocks of Avilla School, so he's in what would normally be walking distance of the school. Doctors are concerned about him walking there. "We'll just drive up there," Clark said.

Zach's eyes lit up with determination on hearing those words. "No, we'll just walk up there," he said.



BOB BRALEY

Zachary McCue, center, sits at home conversing with friends William Smart, left, and Drew Krock as McCue recovers from injuries he sustained in a Jan. 7 car crash.

Naomi Gallaway

WOLCOTTVILLE — Naomi Ruth (Fralick) Gallaway, 83, of Wolcottville died at 10:10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Gallaway had lived in Wolcottville since moving there in 1957 from Van Wert, Ohio.

She was a homemaker and had been employed at King-Seeley in Kendallville and was the first female employee at National Seal in Van Wert.

Mrs. Gallaway was a member of First Baptist Church of Wolcottville.

She was born May 19, 1921, in Harrison Township, Van Wert, to Robert Lancaster and Lola Grace (Springer) Fralick. On June 23, 1946, in Van Wert, she married Delbert E. Gallaway. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dale Sharlene Gallaway of New Haven, Lisa Roseann and Roger Klopfenstein of Howe, and Jan Louise and Phillip Crago of Huntington; a son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Nancy Gallaway of Houston, Texas; a sister, Yvonne Binkley of Lima, Ohio; three brothers, Gordon Fralick and Dean Fralick, both of Convoy, Ohio, and Doyt Fralick of Ellijay, Ga.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Lawrence Domer

SHIPSHEWANA — Lawrence Domer, 95, of Shipshewana died at 8:40 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2004, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mr. Domer was a farmer and had been employed at Formed Tubes in Sturgis, Mich., and at Ivers Lee in Shipshewana. He retired in 1962.

He was born Dec. 5, 1909, in Shipshewana to Elmer and Wilma (Boyd) Domer. On June 2, 1934, in LaGrange, he married Iva Jean Hudson. She died in 2004.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lyle and Patricia Domer of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Robert and Bonnie Domer of Thousand Palms, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Steven Hostetler of Goshen; a sister, Anita Balyeat of East Leroy, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara George

BRODNAX, Va. — Former Angola resident Barbara Porter George, 61, of Brodnax died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005, at home.

Mrs. George was a tutor.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard and Tammy Boucher of Moyock, N.C., and William Junior Michiels of St. Louis, Mo.; four sisters, Tina Parker of Brodnax, Jennie Anderson of St. Louis, Brenda Porter of Angola and Roberta Pyles of Jacksonville, N.C.; four brothers, Roscoe T. Porter, Robert Porter and Wayne Porter, all of Fort Myers, Fla., and Warren Porter of St. Louis; a daughter-in-law, Lori Boucher; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Winston George, and a son, Phillip Boucher.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Crowder-Hite-Crews Funeral Home and Crematory, South Hill, Va. Calling will be Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Kennel Club, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606.

Condolences can be left online at www.crowderhite-crews.com.

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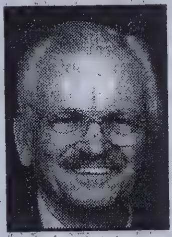
THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct errors.*

Lyman Constantine

AVILLA — Lyman Robert "Beans" Constantine, 84, formerly of Kendallville, died at 5:20 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. He had been a Provena resident since 2001.


Mr. Constantine

Mr. Constantine was an Air Force veteran of World War II and flew 30 missions over Germany and Czechoslovakia in a B-17 bomber.

He was an industrial engineer at Kraft Foods in Kendallville from 1939 to 1986. He was a member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge, American Legion Post 86, Royal Neighbors and Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. As a youth he was given the nickname "Beans."

He was born Oct. 30, 1920, in Granville, Ill., to John P. and Mary Violet (Sparling) Constantine. He married Darlene V. Martin in Rockford, Ill., on Feb. 14, 1942. She died on May 15, 1983. In Kendallville on Jan. 20, 1990, he married Nancy C. Messmore. She survives in Kendallville.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Leonard Constantine of Kendallville; a stepson, Lon Messmore of Huntington; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Lisa and Arden Boocher of North Manchester, and Leah and Chris Janes of Greenfield; four grandchildren, Misty, Adam, Drew and Miles Simmons; four stepgrandchildren, Andon and Ashton Booher, Tressa Janes and Kennedy Janes; and a nephew, Jon Passini, West Chicago, Ill.

In addition to his parents and first wife, a daughter, Marilyn C. Simmons, preceded him death on June 6, 1997, and also a brother, Henry "Huck" Constantine, and three sisters, Julie, Leota and Dorothy "Dottie" preceded him in death.

Services were Monday at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery with military graveside services by Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Calling was Sunday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or the Noble County Council on Aging Building Fund.

Ruth Engle

LAGRANGE — Ruth E. Engle, 97, of LaGrange died at 1 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange.

Mrs. Engle was a homemaker and a member of the Church of God in LaGrange.

She was born June 12, 1907, in Shipshewana to Daniel and Mary V. (Harrar) Kauffman. Her first husband, Clarence Dunithan, died in 1940. She then married Carl Engle, who died in 1978.

Surviving are several nephews and nieces.

She was also preceded in death by two children, Robert and Lucille.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Greenwood Cemetery with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Clarence Penick

HUDSON — Clarence A. "Junior" Penick Jr., 72, of Hudson died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Penick was born Sept. 6. 1932, in Steuben County to Clarence A. Sr. and Pauline (Lepley) Penick. He was married to Janis Truelove of Albion on Sept. 30, 1961, and she survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a plant superintendent at Brammel Inc. in Angola, where he worked for 26 years. He retired in 1995. He was a Pleasant Lake High School graduate. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, and a former member of the Land O' Lakes Lions.

Also surviving are two sons, Ronnie and Randy Penick, both of Hudson; six daughters, Kathy Newman of Springfield, Ore., Karen McCulley of Eugene, Ore., Carla Gappinger of San Luis Obispo, Calif., Suzan Sanders of Angola, Ramona Bowerman of Ashley and Ronda Kleeberg of Hudson; two brothers, Larry and Thomas Penick, both of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Connie Presley of Avilla; four aunts, Mary Shoup, Evelyn Neill, Jane Beishman and Evelyn Strand; and 19 grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Amy Beitelschees-Albers officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church.

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Phillip Sprague

AUBURN — Phillip G. "Skip" Sprague, 71, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sprague worked as an engineer for McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville, where he helped draw plans for the first walk-in cooler. He also worked as an engineer for International Harvester in Fort Wayne and General Motors in Anderson, Troy, Mich., and Lansing, Mich.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, the International Order of Odd Fellows in Kendallville and the DeKalb County Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was born May 14, 1933, in Ligonier to Frank and Ethel (Growcock) Sprague.

Her married Shirley Peterman on July 20, 1952, in Dennison, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony and Darlene Sprague of Garrett, John and Jo Ann Sprague of Riverdale, Mich., and Paul and Brandy Sprague of Auburn; one daughter, Teresa Sprague of Auburn; two brothers Fredrick Sprague and Glenn Sprague, both of Ligonier; three sisters, Janice Rarick of Cromwell, Marilyn Easley of Kendallville and Betty Chiddister of Ligonier; eight grandchildren, Ryan Whipp, Alexis Sprague, Karrie Sprague, Katherine Sprague, Phillip Sprague, Megan Sprague, Sarah Sprague and Leah Sprague; and a great-granddaughter, Hailey Whipp.

Services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Chad Brock will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Church of Christ at Garrett.

Berneice Anderson

FORT WAYNE — Berneice B. Anderson, 96, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mrs. Anderson had been a homemaker and assisted her husband in farming. She was a member of Roanoke Easteran Star No. 62 and of several home economics clubs. Mrs. Anderson loved to make quilts.

She was born July 17, 1908, in Kendallville.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ray Lee and Joan Rita Anderson, J. Clifford and Melba Anderson and Carl Wayne and Jane Anderson, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Shirla and Lawrence Henney of Columbia City; 18 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick Leo Anderson, in 1969; a daughter, Dorothy Deese; and a son, James Frederick Anderson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home For Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne. Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to the Heart Association or to the church of the donor's choice.

Richard Tjarks

HOWE — Richard C. Tjarks, 54, of Howe died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Tjarks was a lifetime LaGrange area resident and co-owner of LaGrange Title Co. in LaGrange.

Mr. Tjarks

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, LaGrange County Historical Society, Kiwanis and the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors.

He was born July 20, 1950, in Sturgis, Mich., to Wilbur W. and Esther E. (Kohn) Tjarks. His father died Dec. 4, 2002, and his mother survives in LaGrange. On Sept. 10, 1988, he married Lisa Swartzentruber. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Adam and Seth, both at home.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross in care of the LaGrange Chapter.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Fred Hostetler

READING, Mich. — Fred Junior Hostetler, 82, of Reading, Mich., and formerly of Orland and Angola died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at his home following a short illness.

Mr. Hostetler was born Dec. 28, 1922, in Sturgis, Mich., to Fred M. and May I. (Stolebarger) Hostetler. He married Maybelle Washburn on March 15, 1947, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronson, Mich., and she survives.

He graduated from LaGrange High School in 1941, and worked at the former L.A. Darling Co. He then worked at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 16 years until his retirement. He came out of retirement to work as a maintenance supervisor at the Angola Housing Authority, working there for another 16 years. He was named the best maintenance man in the state of Indiana in 1984. He also farmed.

He was a 50-year member of the Angola Moose Lodge, where he served as past chaplain. He enjoyed woodcrafts and in his early years, liked hunting, fishing and bowling.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Wanda and James Stalder of Westerville, Ohio, and Karen and Richard Heffelfinger of Reading; two sons, DeWight Hostetler of Fort Wayne and Dennis Hostetler of Angola; a sister, Florence Williamson of LaGrange; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy Rumsey, in 2001 and a sister, Marjorie Helmuth.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, with the Rev. Jim Stalder officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m., with a service conducted by members of the Loyal Order of the Moose at 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Bronson Cemetery.

Memorials are to Hospice of Hillsdale County, Mich.

Condolences can be left online at www.kolcz.com.

Mary Bullock

AUBURN — Mary E. Bullock, 84, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at her home.

Born in Cromwell, she worked in the cafeterias at DeKalb County schools and was a volunteer at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Jonnie Marie Shafer of Franklin; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John T.; a brother, Thomas Michael; her father, Glenn Nicolai, and mother, Flossie Foster.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church at Ninth and Van Buren streets in Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. Calling will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum or St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Susanna Berger

ANGOLA — Susanna Ellen "Susie" Berger, 72, of Angola died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at home.

Mrs. Berger was born Oct. 2, 1932, in Angola to William and Florace (McCool) Lemley. She married John Berger on June 16, 1962, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. He survives.

She was an elementary school teacher in Angola for many years. She graduated from Indiana University and The University of Saint Francis. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, the Psi Iota Xi Sorority of Angola and the Angola Garden Club.

She was a volunteer for Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Red Cross, Carnegie Public Library and the Steuben County Well Child Clinic.

Also surviving are a son, John Christopher Berger of Angola; a daughter, Susan Elizabeth Berger of Angola; and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Lemley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Society or Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Era Wimmer

LIGONIER — A memorial service for Era Jane Wimmer, 86, of Ligonier, who died as a result of a car-pedestrian accident on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, will take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Ligonier Presbyterian Church, 407 S. Cavin St.

Mrs. Wimmer died after being hit by a car as she was crossing South Cavin Street at about 3:25 p.m. on Feb. 23.

She was born Aug. 17, 1918, in Hillsboro, Fleming County, Ky., to Ben and Daisy (Hopper) Hawkins. Her husband, Frederick E. Wimmer, died Dec. 11, 1999. Her parents and siblings also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Wimmer and her husband owned and operated a restaurant on Knapp Lake for many years before retiring and moving to Ligonier. They spent their winters in Plant City, Fla.

She enjoyed flea markets, eating out and getting together with friends for cards or other games.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Her funeral was held Saturday at Boone-Nickell Funeral Home in Flemingsburg, Ky. Burial was in Hillsboro, Ky.

A memorial service will take place Sunday, March 6, at 10:10 a.m. at Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Fed Clark

MARTIN, Ky. — Fed Clark, 84, of Honaker, Ky., died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, in Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

Mr. Clark had retired from Newnam Foundry in Kendallville. He had also worked as a miner.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and served in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Mr. Clark was a member of the VFW in Prestonsburg and the Betsy Layne Chapter of the DAV.

He was born June 30, 1920, in Honaker to Robert and Frona (Martin) Clark.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Nova Akers Clark; a brother-in-law, Otis Akers; two sisters-in-law, Ailene Kidd and Linda Akers; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Bruce Clark; and a sister, Marie Peck.

Services were Saturday at Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Garden in Ivel, Ky.

Robert Hursey

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Hursey, 80, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Albert Rohrs

FORT WAYNE — Albert Fred Rohrs, 87, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005, at his home.

He was a foreman at International Harvester, retiring in 1982 after nearly 37 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his daughter, Brenda Bailey of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Jennifer Bailey of Auburn; two grandsons, Kevin Bailey and Brian Bailey, both of Fort Wayne; a great-granddaughter, Isabelle Adams of Auburn; and a sister, Ida Hahn of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Betty J. Rohrs, in 1994.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St. Burial will be in Concordia Gardens Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Charles Schlatter

AUBURN — Charles W. "Bud" Schlatter, 89, of Auburn died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005.

He was born May 22, 1915, in Auburn to Charles and Beulah Schlatter. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a friend, Daisy Stairhime of Auburn; a daughter, Rebecca Brasseur of Bluffton, S.C.; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

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He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, the International Order of Odd Fellows in Kendallville and the DeKalb County Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was born May 14, 1933, in Ligonier to Frank and Ethel (Growcock) Sprague.

Her married Shirley Peterman on July 20. 1952, in Dennison, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony and Darlene Sprague of Garrett, John and Jo Ann Sprague of Riverdale, Mich., and Paul and Brandy Sprague of Auburn; a daughter, Teresa Sprague of Auburn; two brothers Fredrick Sprague and Glenn Sprague, both of Ligonier; three sisters, Janice Rarick of Cromwell, Marilyn Easley of Kendallville and Betty Chiddister of Ligonier; eight grandchildren, Ryan Whipp, Alexis Sprague, Karrie Sprague, Katherine Sprague, Phillip Sprague, Megan Sprague, Sarah Sprague and Leah Sprague; and a great-granddaughter, Hailey Whipp.

Preceding him in death were nine sisters and six brothers.

Services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Chad Brock will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Church of Christ at Garrett.

Nathan Carmack

GENEVA, Ill. — Nathan Leonard Carmack died shortly after birth Dec. 1, 2004, at Delnor Hospital in Geneva, Ill.

He is survived by his parents, Aaron and Kerry (Brock) Carmack of Geneva, Ill.; two brothers, his twin, Alex Brock Carmack, and Kaleb Steven Carmack, both at home; grandparents Jeanne and Steven Brock of Auburn and Debbie and Leonard Carmack of Chambersburg, Pa.; and great-grandparents Frank and Rosie Brock of LaGrange.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. David Schleh officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling will be from 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

The family prefers memorials to the family's favorite local charity. Contact the funeral home at 837-2581 for information.

Robert Hursey

KENDALLVILLE — Robert A. Hursey, 80, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hursey

Mr. Hursey had been employed by a railroad for 16 years and then worked for Barker's Firestone Tires and Hughes' Firestone Tires. He retired from Lane Foundry when it closed.

He was a member of Kendallville Eagles Lodge No. 985.

He was born Dec. 19, 1924, in Mishawaka to Frank and Cecil (Abrams) Hursey. On Jan. 10, 1947, in Angola, he married Waunita Sobieski. She died April 17, 1988.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William and Deb Hursey of Kendallville; a stepson, James Sobieski of Kendallville; two granddaughters, Heather Rensberger and Erin LaCross and her husband, Chad, all of Fort Wayne; and a grandson, Heath Hursey of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Terry Hursey; and a sister, Lorene Franklin.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Donald E. Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Emma Johnston

KENDALLVILLE — Emma C. Johnston, 99, formerly of Churubusco, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

She had been at Shepherd of the Hill for nine years.

Mrs. Johnston was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco and the SCC Club.

On Oct. 19, 1905, she was born in Leo-Cedarville to John Adam and Isabelle (Metzger) Fuchshuber, and spent her formative years in Fort Wayne.

She married Herman Miller, who preceded her in death in 1931. She married James H. Johnston on Jan. 18, 1956 and moved to Churubusco. He preceded her in death on Sept. 23, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Kenneth Leitch Jr. of Avilla; a sister, Martha Bertha Zelt of Petosky, Mich.; six grandchildren and four of their spouses, Ellen and Gary Smith of Albion, Val and Jerry Cheek of Leo-Cedarville, Jeannette and Gary Petelle and Scott and Debbie Leitch, all of Churubusco, Vicki Leitch of Moore, Okla., and Christopher Hardacre of Columbia City; 11 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and two husbands, two brothers, Charles Fuchshuber and Louis Fuchshuber, and two sisters, Maude Sink and Mary Soest, preceded her in death.

Services were held Sunday, February 27, 2005, at Faith Lutheran Church, Churubusco, with Pastor Lane Burgland officiating. Burial was in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Memorials may be directed to Faith Lutheran Church or Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Quinton Teeter, Sr.

MORRISON, TN — A Morrison, Tennessee resident and Grundy County native, Quinton Teeter, Sr., 76, died February 20, 2005, at Emerald-Hogdson Hospital after an extended illness. A farmer, nurseryman and a veteran, he was the son of the late Gordon and Jenny (Dykes) Tetter.

Mr. Teeter is survived by a son, Quinton Brant Teeter, Jr. of Indiana; a brother, Johnny Teeter of South Carolina; sisters Julie Wade of Morrison, TN, and Shirley Jessing of Manchester, TN.

He was a nurseryman for 20 years in Elkhart County, Baugo Township, before returning to his hometown of Morrison, TN, where Mr. Tetter lived until his passing.

He will be missed by all.

In memory of Mr. Teeter, all memorials may be sent to Albion Apostolic Camp, Inc., 1008 E. South St., Albion, IN 46701

Donna Bohde

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She was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Michile Conrad of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Judy (James) Lytal of Fort Wayne; a sister, Eva Donley of Avilla; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward, in 2003.

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In her leisure time, she enjoyed sending greeting cards to her family and friends. She was also known for love of the color purple.

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Diane Pinney

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Also surviving are a brother, Bryan Bowman, 4, and a sister, Bryanna Bowman, 1, both at home; grandparents, Wanda and William Glant of Ligonier, Sue and Chuck Musgrave of Syracuse and Dave Bowman and Kitty Taylor of Fort Wayne; great-grandparents, Leaetta and Duane Leathers of Topeka, Dorothy Glant of Lebanon, Pa., and Rose Lindsay of Ligonier; a great-great-grandmother, Margretta Patches of Lebanon, Pa.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by great-grandfathers, Alfred Lindsay, William Glant Sr., George Bowman, Ed Bay and Franklin Root Sr.; great-grandmother, Phyllis Bay; great-great-grandmother, Lucille Bowman; a great-aunt, Julieann Glant; and a great-uncle, Dennis Glant.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lutheran Children's Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Boy, 2, loses meningitis fight

BY BOB BUTTGEN
leader@ligtel.com

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Rodney's survivors include his parents, Rodney O. Bowman Sr., and Shelly (Glant) Bowman; a brother, Bryan, and sister, Bryanna all of Syracuse.

Thelma Brinkman

SYRACUSE — Thelma M. Brinkman, 99, of Syracuse died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at 4:29 a.m. in Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Brinkman was a homemaker and had lived in Syracuse since 1940. She was a member of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Syracuse. She was one of the founders of St. Andrew's Thrift Shop, which started in 1964, and worked there until 2000.

She was the president of the Parent-Teachers Organization in 1947 and was president of the Wednesday Afternoon Club in 1952. She was president of the Senior Mothers' Club in 1975 and 1976.

She was born Sept. 9, 1905, in Pleasant Township to Michael and Imo (Anderson) Myers.

She married Vern H. Brinkman in 1937. He died in 1973.

Surviving are two sons, Harry R. Brinkman of Leesburg and Michael J. Brinkman of Syracuse.

Five brothers preceded her in death.

A graveside service will be at a later date. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

There will be no calling.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, of Syracuse, is handling arrangements.

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Neal Smith

OSSIAN — Neal E. Smith, 65, of Ossian died Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at his home.

He had worked for Peter Eckrich 26 years and Mullinix Packaging for 19 years, retiring in February.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanette L. (Ormiston) Smith of Ossian; three daughters and their spouses, Sherri and Gary Furniss of Fort Wayne, Laurie and Ron Terry and Trisha and Bruce Hoffman, all of Ossian; a son, Daniel "Bo" Smith of Auburn; five brothers; three sisters; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Edwin Smith and Fayma Hart; and a sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 120 W. Mill St., Ossian. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery at Ossian.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Carrol Cornett

KENDALLVILLE — Carrol "Buster" Cornett, 73, of Kendallville died today, Thursday, March 3, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

March 3, 2005 Ligonier, Indiana

Ice-covered U.S. 6 wreck claims Ligonier woman

GOSHEN — A Ligonier woman died Monday after the truck she was riding in collided with a semi-tractor trailer on U.S. 6 about six miles west of Ligonier.

Lisa Holquin, 33, of Ligonier was pronounced dead at the scene by Elkhart County coroner Jeffrey Landrum.

Icy roads on Monday were responsible for the accident, according to Trooper Jack Zimmerman of the Indiana State Police, who investigated the accident. The wreck happened at about 6:40 a.m. Monday.

The state police first reported Ms. Holquin as being a resident of Goshen.

She was a passenger in a 1994 GMC truck driven by David Vasquez, 34, also of Ligonier. He is still in Goshen Hospital with critical, internal injuries.

Another passenger, Jacinto Trevino, 19, of Ligonier was also taken to Goshen General Hospital with a head injury. A report on his status was not available from hospital officials Wednesday.

According to police, Vasquez was westbound on U.S. 6 near Elkhart County Road 137, when he apparently lost control of his truck and went sideways into the east-bound lane of U.S. 6. His truck was hit on the driver's side by a 1998 International semi, driven by Douglas Osbourne, 56, of Elkhart.

Osbourne suffered minor injuries and was also taken to the hospital.

Ms. Holquin was ejected from the truck and died from head injuries.

Details on funeral arrangements for Ms. Holquin were not available as of Wednesday afternoon.

Memorial service is Sunday for accident victim Era Jane Wimmer

LIGONIER — A memorial service for Era Jane Wimmer, 86, will be at 10:10 a.m. this Sunday at Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Wimmer died Wednesday, February 23, after being hit by an truck in downtown Ligonier.

Era was born August 17, 1918 in Hillsboro, Kentucky., She was married to Fred Wimmer who preceded her in death. Her parents and all her siblings also preceded her in death.

Fred and Era had owned and operated the Knapp Lake Luncheonette for 20 years. After her husband's retirement, they would close the restaurant in the fall and spend the winters in Plant City, Florida. After selling the restaurant, they moved to Ligonier.

Era enjoyed flea marketing, eating out and getting together with friends for cards or other games.

Her funeral and burial were held earlier this week in Hillsboro, Kentucky.

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Rodney Jr. loses fight for life

Friends start fund for family of child

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Services for Rodney Jr. will be Sunday, March 6, at 2 p.m. in the Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial will be at the Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

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Memorials are to the Lutheran Children's Hospital in Fort Wayne, or to the family fund at Lake City Bank.

Judd VanHouton

Judd VanHouton, 65, died Thursday, February 24, at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation, Fort Wayne.

Born in Claremont, N.H., he was an Electrical Engineer with Raytheon for 33 years. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Edye, the former Edith Bertram, of Fort Wayne; a son, Chris (Lisa) VanHouten; and a sister, Nancy (Rev. Sam) Ritchey of Las Cruces, N.M. No services or calling. Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Memorials to Sparta United Church of Christ, 2584 N US 33, Kimmell, IN 46760.

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WAWAKA — Thelma M. Franks, 80, of Wawaka died Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Franks had moved to the area in 1993 from Anderson.

Mrs. Franks

She had been accounting supervisor with Delco Remy in Anderson.

Mrs. Franks was a member of American Association of Women Accountants, Business & Professional Women and the Ligonier Evangelical Church. She had assisted with the Library Literacy Program and had been an adviser for Junior Achievement.

She had received the Volunteer of Year award from the Anderson YMCA in 1991, Woman of the Year award from the Anderson YMCA, and had received the Distinguished Service Award in 1985 from the Management Club of Madison County.

Mrs. Franks was born April 6, 1924, in Butler to Wayland and Mae (Bryant) Mutzfeld. She graduated from Ball State Teachers College.

On Feb. 13, 1993, in Wawaka, she married William "Tom" Franks. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. John E. and Jean Marvel of Fairmount; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Marvel and Paul Nelson of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and Ruth and David McCord of Lewisburg, Pa.; three stepsons and their wives, Thomas J. and Sharon Franks and William "Clee" and Cheryl Franks, all of Wawaka, and Frank E. and Jackie Franks of Hartford City; a stepdaughter, Karen (Vincent) Scalabrino, Palatine, Ill.; a brother and sister-in-law, Harley and Alice Mutzfeld of Needham, Mass.; a sister and brother-in-law, Jeannette and John Morgan of Peterborough, Ontario; 18 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Edward Thomson, who was killed in World War II. She had also been married to Thomas J. Marvel.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ligonier Evangelical Church with the Revs. Hubert Harriman, David Kushman and Stephen Cox officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today, Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation, 8120 Woodmont Ave., Suite 530, Bethesda, MD 20814 or to Ligonier Evangelical Church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements

Phillip Sprague

AUBURN — Phillip G. "Skip" Sprague, 71, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sprague worked as an engineer for McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville, where he helped draw plans for the first walk-in cooler. He also worked as an engineer for International Harvester in Fort Wayne and General Motors in Anderson, Troy, Mich., and Lansing, Mich.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, the International Order of Odd Fellows in Kendallville and the DeKalb County Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was born May 14, 1933, in Ligonier to Frank and Ethel (Growcock) Sprague.

Her married Shirley Peterman on July 20. 1952, in Dennison, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony and Darlene Sprague of Garrett, John and Jo Ann Sprague of Riverdale, Mich., and Paul and Brandy Sprague of Auburn; a daughter, Teresa Sprague of Auburn; two brothers Fredrick Sprague and Glenn Sprague, both of Ligonier; three sisters, Janice Rarick of Cromwell, Marilyn Easley of Kendallville and Betty Chiddister of Ligonier; eight grandchildren, Ryan Whipp, Alexis Sprague, Karrie Sprague, Katherine Sprague, Phillip Sprague, Megan Sprague, Sarah Sprague and Leah Sprague; and a great-granddaughter, Hailey Whipp.

Preceding him in death were nine sisters and six brothers.

Services were to be held today, Thursday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Chad Brock will officiate.

Calling will be today, Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Church of Christ at Garrett.

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Wilma Treesh

AUBURN — Wilma Iona (Grate) Treesh, 92, of Auburn died Thursday, March 3, 2005, at 2:10 p.m. at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Treesh

Mrs. Treesh had worked at the Garrett Community Hospital and the Lutheran Home in Kendallville, retiring as a dietitian in 1977.

She was a member of the Richland Township Homemakers Club from 1978 to 1992 and enjoyed cooking, baking and creating quilts for each new baby in the family.

She was an active member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church in rural Auburn and a dedicated worker for the mission committee, especially the blanket drive. She served as Sunday school superintendent for several years. She attended Pleasant Hill Elementary School and Corunna High School.

She was born June 23, 1912, in DeKalb County to Glen Grate and Elpha Susanna Smith, as the only daughter in a family of five children.

She married her husband of 71 years, Dale DeWitt Treesh, on Dec. 15, 1928, in DeKalb County. They had four children and farmed in DeKalb County for about 40 years. In September 1997, they sold the farm and moved to Auburn. Mr. Treesh died July 10, 2000, in Noble County.

Surviving are two daughters, Roeine Elaine Danclovic of Albuquerque, N.M., and Darleen Sue Dalby of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Joan Virginia Treesh of Port Charlotte, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Alan Dale and Dlorah "Mickey" Treesh of Charleston, S.C.; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a brother, George Grate of Kendallville; and two sisters-in-law, Betty Grate of Kendallville and Lana Grate Myers of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by a son, Don Eugene Treesh; a granddaughter, Roxanne Marie (Treesh) Walter; three infant grandsons; three brothers, Chester Alvin Grate, Paul Denver Grate and Glen J. Grate; and her parents.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Douglas Barber of Maple Grove United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Maple Grove United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Thurl Carpenter

ANGOLA — Thurl William Carpenter, 86, of Angola died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, in Angola.

Mr. Carpenter was born April 9, 1918, in Palestine, Ohio. He married Martha M. Miller in 1973, and she survives.

He worked in the maintenance departments at Maxton Motors and Harold Chevrolet in Angola for 49 years.

Also surviving are a son, Ronald Lewis of Columbus, Ohio; three grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

No services or calling will be held.

Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Richard Richter

LIGONIER — Richard A. Richter, 64, of rural Ligonier died Thursday, March 3, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Richter

Mr. Richter was the owner of Richter Construction Co. and was a licensed general contractor. He had lived in the area 40 years.

He was a member of Wawaka Church of the Brethren.

Mr. Richter served in the U.S. Army in Korea.

He was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post and the VFW in Syracuse. He enjoyed magic and was a member of the Magician's Club in South Bend.

Mr. Richter was born June 2, 1940, in Plymouth, Mass., to Edward J. and Dorothy (Post) Richter. They are deceased. He married Ruth Anne Jones in 1987 in Wawaka Church of the Brethren. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Krista Jones, and Stephen and Deb Jones, all of Wawaka; three daughters and sons-in-law, Janene Preston-Cage and Doug Cage of Greenwood, Jacqueline and Jim Newman of Fishers and Natalie and Tony Stover of Nappanee; and 13 grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Edward Richter.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Verne H. Leininger officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the services Monday.

Memorials are to Heifer International.

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Everett Flath Jr.

LAGRANGE — Everett E. Flath Jr., 59, of LaGrange died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, in LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Flath moved to LaGrange in 1967 from LaPorte. He had been employed at Dometic Corp. in LaGrange.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of Orland American Legion Post 423.

He was born April 15, 1945, in LaPort to Everett E. Sr. and I. Audrey (Miller) Flath. On Nov. 25, 1967, in Ashley he married Bonnie S. Dunafin.. She survives.

Also surviving a daughter and son-in-law, Kevin and Tracy Light of LaGrange; a sister, Sonja Salzer of Pensacola, Fla.; two grandchildren, Kody and Audrey Light of LaGrange; 16 nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and four great-great-nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Steven Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery with graveside services by Orland American Legion Post 423.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with new information about a family member.*

Mary Bullock

AUBURN — Mary E. Bullock, 84, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Bullock

Born in Cromwell, she worked in the cafeterias at DeKalb County schools and was a volunteer at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Jonnie Marie Shafer of Franklin; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John T.; a son, Thomas Michael; her father, Glenn Nicolai, and mother, Flossie Foster.

Services were Wednesday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum or St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Wahnetta Chrystler

HOWE — Wahnetta Chrystler, 87, of Howe died at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 3, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Chrystler had retired from Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich., after 31 years of service.

She was born Aug. 15, 1917, in LaGrange to Albert and Dora (Bell) Balyeat. She married Raymond Chrystler in 1962 in Sturgis.

Surviving are a daughter, Rosanne Brothers of Howe; a son, Kenneth Krause of Florida; three brothers, Leonard Balyeat of Washington, Earl Balyeat of Battle Creek, Mich., and Robert Balyeat of Texas; two sisters, Bonnie Uribe of California and Fernn Brown of Texas; a sister-in-law, Sarah Balyeat of Texas; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Nora and Maxine; and two brothers, Dean and Bryce.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the family.

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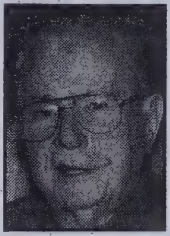
Carroll Cornett

KENDALLVILLE — Carroll "Buster" Cornett, 73, of Kendallville died Thursday, March 3, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital.


Mr. Cornett

Mr. Cornett had retired from General Electric in Chicago.

He was a member of Love Devine Baptist Church in Ashley.

He was born Aug. 15, 1931, in Hindman, Ky., to Lawrence and Dallie (Fugate) Cornett.

Surviving are three sisters, Sue Cornett of Kendallville, Faye Hoffman of Howe and Alice Hall of Top Most, Ky.; and four brothers, Victor Cornett of Pine Top, Ky., Brode Cornett of Kendallville, Ronnie Cornett of Rome City and Rayburn Cornett of Carrie, Ky.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Love Devine Baptist Church in Ashley with the Rev. Carl Ritchie and Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Love Devine Baptist Church in Ashley.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Margaret Schaffter

EDON, Ohio — Margaret A. Schaffter, 70, of rural Edon, Ohio, died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at Hillside Country Living near Bryan, Ohio, where she was a resident. She was employed as a piece worker at Quadco in Stryker, Ohio, and attended the chapel at Hillside Country Living.

Ms. Schaffter was born Nov. 27, 1934, in Northwest Township, Ohio, to George "Ray" and Otilla "Ola" (Kaiser) Schaffter.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Doris and Gerald Crites of Camden, Mich., and Elsie Brown of Angola; a sister-in-law, Caryl Schaffter of Edon; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Olga Livensparger and Esther Renback; and four brothers, Weldon, Ora, Paul and Donald Schaffter.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Edon Cemetery with Bill Priest officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, Edon.

Memorials are to Hillside Country Living Garden Fund, Chapel Fund or Activities Fund.

Condolences can be left online at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

LaVonne Gibson

PLEASANT LAKE — LaVonne Delores "Bonnie" Gibson, 76, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, in Angola.

Mrs. Gibson was born June 15, 1928, in Pleasant Lake to Xenophon and Letha (Coney) Imhoff. She married Harold Gibson on April 3, 1949, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 2003.

She was a homemaker. She graduated from Pleasant Lake High School in 1946, and was a member of the Pleasant Lake Lioness Club.

Surviving are a son, Bruce Gibson of Wake Forest, N.C.; and two daughters, Glenda Wilson of Hudson and Gina Gibson of Auburn.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Donald Dean Imhoff, and a sister, Evelyn Knight.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jeffrey Stedge officiating. Calling will be Sunday from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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At least 2 die in car-semi crash

BY MEGAN HOCKLEY
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KENDALLVILLE — Police believe at least two people were killed Friday evening in a fatal car-semi crash on U.S. 6, east of Wal-Mart Supercenter.

According to Sheriff Gary Leatherman of the Noble County Sheriff's Department, officers were unable to immediately identify the number of victims in the passenger car due to the extent of the damage and the position of the two vehicles involved.

The collision occurred at 9:56 p.m. when a white Oldsmobile passenger car, traveling eastbound on U.S. 6, crossed the center line for an unknown reason and crashed into a westbound semi tractor-trailer hauling freight, according to Deputy Doug Ewell of the sheriff's department.

The front half of the Oldsmobile was crushed under the semi's tractor and, according to Ewell, was severed from the back end of the car.

There were no reports of survivors in the Oldsmobile. The semi driver was uninjured. Police did not release any information Friday night regarding the identities of the semi driver or fatality victims.

"They believe there are at least two victims in the car at this time, but due to the extent of the damage and the crush factor they have to pick the tractor off the vehicle (before it can be confirmed)," Leatherman said. "We have to wait until the coroner's on the scene and go from there."

As of 10:55 p.m. Friday, a Campbell's wrecker truck was en route to the crash scene to lift the semi off the Oldsmobile, and the Indiana Department of Transportation had been contacted to clean spilled oil and diesel gas off the highway.

The accident shut down both lanes of U.S 6 in the area for several hours.

BILL GISEL

Emergency personnel work at the scene of a car-semi crash on U.S. 6, just east of the Wal-Mart Supercenter Friday night. Authorities say at least two people were killed in the accident. The driver of the semi was not injured.

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Former Auburn mayor Norman Rohm, 75, dies

BY DAVE KURTZ
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AUBURN — Former Auburn Mayor Norman N. Rohm, 75, died Thursday, March 3, 2005, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Rohm served as mayor of Auburn from 1992 through 1999.

He was a member of the DeKalb Central school board from 1961 to 1976, serving several years as its president. The district consolidated and built DeKalb High School and DeKalb Middle School during his years on the school board.

Mr. Rohm also enjoyed a successful career in business. He owned and operated Rohm Chevrolet-Buick-Olds in Auburn from 1965 to 1980, then worked in real estate at Wible & Associates of Auburn from 1980 through 1992.

Bruce Scranage worked with Rohm at Wible & Associates and partnered with him in owning buildings under the name of NB Properties. They erected buildings in west Auburn on West Fifteenth Street and South Grandstaff Drive, as well as in Warsaw, LaGrange and Wabash.

Mr. Rohm

"He had a great selling personality," Scranage said. "He just knew how to handle people.

"The first thing is he was honest. He liked people. He liked dealing with people. He was straight-up with people."

A native and lifetime resident of Auburn, Mr. Rohm truly loved the community, Scranage said.

"He was very much interested in Auburn," said Dick Martin, executive director of the DeKalb County Visitors Bureau. "It's a great loss ... As a community leader, he did a lot for the city of Auburn.

Martin said Mr. Rohm was a private person and yet could be very social in the community. He enjoyed golf and playing cards.

"Norm, to me, was always easy to sit down and talk to and discuss things. ... He‘d always make time for you," Martin said.

Mr. Rohm appointed Martin to the city's Redevelopment Commission, which he still serves as president.

He recruited Bill Heimach to serve on the Board of Works during his term as mayor.

"He provided a motivation for me and a number of my peers who had never been involved in city government to get involved in city government — through campaign committees, the Board of Works, City Council and numerous other boards," Heimach said.

"He treated the office of mayor like a business approach to running the city. He realized that he wasn't an expert in every field, and I really believe that he genuinely solicited the opinions of outside experts and experts within the administration. I know he had a great respect for his department heads," Heimach said.

Mr. Rohm also demonstrated political courage, Heimach said.

"He didn't shy away from unpopular decisions. When you're in the public eye, sometimes tough decisions have to be made that not everybody agrees with," Heimach said.

Mr. Rohm did not take those decisions lightly, and he researched issues thoroughly, Heimach said.

"In his heart, if he did believe that it was best for the schools and the kids in the schools or the people of Auburn, he would make those tough decisions and believe in them," Heimach said.

During Rohm's eight years as mayor, Auburn built its new electric department headquarters on C.R. 29, remodeled City Hall, built a new fire station at S.R. 8 and C.R. 35 and extended Fifteeenth Street.

Mr. Rohm sold his automobile dealership to Ben Davis 25 years ago Monday. His father, Howard Rohm, had founded the dealership in 1934 at Fifth and Main streets.

In 1965, Mr. Rohm moved his business to S.R. 8 on the city's west side, becoming a pioneer in Auburn's westward growth toward I-69.

"Volume-wise, that was the turning point, because our business tripled after moving out here," Mr. Rohm said in 1980. "And at the time, that looked like a pretty big gamble. All this was, was a hog farm."

Mr. Rohm attended college and served in the U.S. Marine Corps before returning to Auburn in 1953 to join his father in their automobile dealership.

"The community was awfully good to us," he said in 1980 as the dealership changed hands and he changed careers. "I've had a lot of fun."

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Elizabeth Ramer

LAGRANGE — Elizabeth J. "Betty" Ramer, 81, of LaGrange died Thursday, March 3, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ramer

Mrs. Ramer was a homemaker and worked at Starcraft Corp. in Emma. She was a member of Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church in Howe. She lived most of her life in Noble and LaGrange counties.

She was born July 29, 1923, in Ligonier to Clyde and Vivian (Fought) Bish. She married Elmer S. Ramer on March 17, 1942, in Wawaka. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Al Myers of Albion; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Duane and Glenda Ramer of Connersville, Kevin Ramer of LaGrange, Stephan and Johnna Ramer of Plymouth and David Ramer of New Haven; six grandchildren; a sister, Frances Myers of Wawaka; and two brothers, Donald Bish of Wawaka and Robert Bish of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by a brother, George Bish.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Dewey Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church.

Joyce Carroll

SALEM — Joyce F. Carroll, 49, of Salem died Thursday, March 3, 2005, at 12:20 p.m. in Jewish Hospital, Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Carroll was a retired funeral director. She was a member of Pekin United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star in Kendallville.

She was born Aug. 14, 1955, in Washington County to John and Olive Lerue Corn Mull. She graduated from Columbus North High School and Mid-America College of Funeral Service, where she was a member of Pi Sigma Eta fraternity. She married Randy Carroll on Aug. 12, 1972. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jason Carroll of Salem; a stepson, Terry Carroll of Bowling Green, Ky.; a daughter, Jennifer Brown of Salem; a stepdaughter, Lisa Pickett of Taylorsville; her mother, Olive Mull of Salem; three brothers, Don and Warren Mull, both of Salem, and Jerry Mull of Pekin; a sister, Jean Henderson Cook of Pekin; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Mull, and one granddaughter.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday at Weathers Funeral Home in Salem. Jim Applegate will officiate. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Calling will be 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Earl Abell

AVILLA — Earl Abell, 75, of Avilla died Friday, March 4, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Abell painted new homes for Liechty Associates, retiring in 1991.

He was born Sept. 12, 1929, in Petersburg to Rex and Alta (Johns) Abell.

He married Marcenia McCandless in 1973 in Newville. She died in 1995.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Mike and Kathy Abell of Newville, Larry Joe Abell of Newville and Randy and Carla Abell of Kendallville; two stepsons and their wives, Bobby Joe and Linda McCandless of Petersburg and Steve and Teresa McCandless of Petersburg; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Fay and Phillip Fluke of Butler and Sharon and Dennis Bates of Bryan, Ohio; two stepdaughters and a husband, Sandy and Mark Blake of Carmi, Ill., and Mary Hill of Butler; a brother, Billy Joe Abell of Carmi, Ill.; one sister, Mary Catherine Evans of Petersburg; his first wife, Margie (Church) Abell of Butler; 13 grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Auburn. The Rev. Ken Weaver will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

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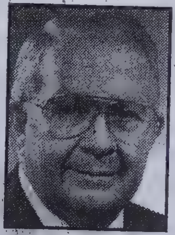
Former Auburn Mayor Norman Rohm, 75, dies

AUBURN — Norman N. Rohm, 75, of Auburn died Thursday, March 3, 2005, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.



Mr. Rohm

Mr. Rohm served as mayor of Auburn from 1992 through 1999. He was on the DeKalb Central school board from 1961 to 1976, serving several years as its president.

He owned and operated Rohm Chevrolet in Auburn from 1965 to 1980, then worked in real estate at Wible & Associates of Auburn from 1980 through 1992.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in the Korean conflict.

He was born Dec. 6, 1929, in Auburn to Howard N. and Vera (Lahnum) Rohm. They preceded him in death.

He married Sue Anne Seyboldt on May 22, 1955, in Defiance, Ohio. She survives.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jeffrey Rohm of Indianapolis, Rex and Christine Rohm of Atlanta and Mark and Debbie Rohm of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Ray Garcia of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Joshua and Jacob Garcia and Elijah Rohm.

Private family services will be conducted at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ or the Auburn Alliance Church.

We would like to thank the staff of Shepherd of the Hill for everything they did for our Mom, especially Roger, one of her nurses who has a passion for caring for people. Everybody there made her feel like it was her home. Thanks also to Early Adventures Child Care for allowing Mom to help with the babies, Dr. Jan and his staff for her care, Pastor Bob Shriner for his visits and for being at the funeral, and everyone who said a prayer or a kind word, sent a card, flowers, afghan, made food and was there for us. Thank you to everyone. She will be greatly missed!

Family of Irene McClement

Charlie and Roxanna McClement, Sandy and Gary Fisher, Kim and Mark Leiter, Laura and Dave Tarman, All of her Grandchildren

Jessie Stauffer

WOODBURN — Jessie B. Stauffer, 82, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Woodburn, died Friday, March 4, 2005, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Mrs. Stauffer retired in 1990 as librarian of the Woodburn branch of the Allen County Public Library. She was a member of the Woodburn United Methodist Church.

She was born June 15, 1922, in Paulding County, Ohio.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Jack Evans of Battle Ground; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert D. and Thea Stauffer of Auburn; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Sara English of New Haven, Dorothy Lothamer of Fort Wayne and Ann Freshwater, Elizabeth Goodenough and Eleanor Fellers, all of Paulding, Ohio; and a brother, F. Paul Carnahan of Paulding.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, who died in 1997, and three sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Woodburn United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer Funeral Home in Harlan and Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include a photo.*

LaVonne Gibson

PLEASANT LAKE — LaVonne Delores "Bonnie" Gibson, 76, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, in Angola.

Mrs. Gibson

Mrs. Gibson was born June 15, 1928, in Pleasant Lake to Xenophon and Letha (Coney) Imhoff. She married Harold Gibson on April 3, 1949, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 2003.

She was a homemaker. She graduated from Pleasant Lake High School in 1946, and was a member of the Pleasant Lake Lioness Club.

Surviving are a son, Bruce Gibson of Wake Forest, N.C.; and two daughters, Glenda Wilson of Hudson and Gina Gibson of Auburn.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Donald Dean Imhoff, and a sister, Evelyn Knight.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jeffrey Stedge officiating. Calling will be Sunday from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Lyman R. "Beans" Constantine** were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Church United Methodist. The Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Robert Borst, David Kile, Robert Nelson, Ben Earley, Max Laisure and Willis Peachey. Pallbearers were Tom Burke, Tom Miller, Ken Stark, Ray Grocock, Jon Passini and Jim Williams. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Jerry Lee Martin** were Feb. 25 at Independent Baptist Church. Pastors Earl Bolen and Willie Collins officiated. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Nathan Wilcox, Jonathan Wilcox, Bruce Henry, Paul Martin, Wilbur VanAuken, Kenneth Hoover and Jason Stanley. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Robert Hursey** were held Friday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with Pastor Donald Poyser officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Active pallbearers were Heath Hursey, Jonathon Rhodes, Steve Powell, Dan Rusmisel, Ron Sparkman and Jim Sobieski. Honorary pallbearers were Chad LaCross, Carl Wagner, Bill Payton, Gerald Wentworth, Fred Lennon, Jim Buckles and Danny Dingus.

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Three crash victims identified

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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KENDALLVILLE — The names of three people who died Friday night in a car-semi crash one mile east of Kendallville on U.S. 6 have been released.

A report from the Noble County Sheriff's Department identified the victims as Kara Lynne Croy, 19, and William R. Spitznaugle, 23, both of Kendallville; and Travis A. Elswick, 20, of Fayette, W.Va.

Croy was the daughter of Jeff and Cathy Croy of Kendallville. She was a graduate of Cornerstone Christian Academy and was taking classes at Ivy Tech College in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Croy

Spitznaugle

Spitznaugle was the son of Mark and Lolita Spitznaugle of Kendallville. He had attended East Noble High School and was working at A-1 Productions near Cree Lake.

Services for Miss Croy will be held Tuesday at Calvary United Methodist Church. Services for Mr. Spitznaugle will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

No information about Elswick was available.

Sheriff's department reports said Croy was driving a 1990 Oldsmobile eastbound on U.S. 6 at around 9:55 p.m. and apparently lost control of the car due to slippery road conditions. Croy's vehicle slid across the centerline into the path of a westbound 2002 Freightliner semi-tractor driven by Milton J. Poston, 69, of Kewanna.

"I just talked to the sheriff's department, and it appears the road conditions definitely contributed to it," Noble County Coroner Terry Gaff said Saturday evening.

Gaff said toxicology tests will be conducted for the victims, but that the results will not be available for quite some time.

Poston, who was driving for Diversified Transport of South Bend, was not injured.

Investigation into the crash will be continuing, Gaff said. Agencies assisting the Noble County Sheriff's Department with the investigation include the Indiana State Police, Noble County Coroner's Office and the Kendallville Fire Department.

Earl Abell

WATERLOO — Services for Earl Abell, 75, of Avilla, will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling is today from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Cheryl Leatherman invested in family, business, hobbies

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Cheryl Leatherman, right, is shown in her back yard in Albion with, from left, her husband, Keith; granddaughter, Taylor; and grandson, Brett. Keith holds Samantha, a pet cat.

ALBION — Cheryl Leatherman not only helped her husband build a construction company, she also built a life of happiness for her family and friends.

"Anyone who met Cheryl could tell how special she was," said Faye Leatherman, Cheryl's daughter-in-law.

Cheryl lost a battle with cancer Feb. 19 at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne, surrounded by her husband of 41 years, Keith Leatherman; her children; and several members of her extended family.

"She was greatly involved in our businesses throughout the years," Keith Leatherman said.

For more than 30 years, the business was Leatherman Construction, until that company was sold to a group of employees. Since then, it has been Monarch Development.

"Keith and Cheryl were a very good team. What one couldn't do, the other did," Faye said.

Checking on job sites was a team effort for Keith and Cheryl, Faye said. "They went together to do that."

Cheryl also attended the majority of the town meetings at which one of the businesses had a project up for review, Keith said.

She was an active partner in the business. "We agreed on most things in our business career," Keith said.

A lot of the business' growth is because Cheryl supported Keith, said their son, Ron Leatherman.

Cheryl also had her own business, Carousel of Dolls. Her first doll shop was in Albion. She later opened a shop in the building now housing Monarch Development.

But that business was more of a hobby, Keith said. "She collected them, too."

About 500 dolls from Cheryl's collection are scattered throughout the Leathermans' home, Keith said. "You've got all those eyes looking at you."

But that's not to say that Cheryl was all business. She invested as much, if not more, effort in her family as in the jobs and her dolls, Faye said.

"She always had her family time. That was important," Keith said. That meant time for Cub Scouts and other activities with Ron and for sporting events and horse shows with daughter Lori. More recently, she enjoyed her role as "Grammy."

Family trips were a special treat for Cheryl. Among her favorite places was Colorado. The family had a home there, and she would enjoy picnics in the mountains.

"Christmas was her favorite time of year," Keith said. "She went all-out for Christmas."

She also enjoyed spending time in a backyard patio paradise that she and Keith created, and taking time with her pets.

Cheryl spent much of the last two years preparing the family to go on without her, Faye said. "She had read extensively about the kind of cancer she had, and she knew."

And a lot of what she enjoyed will continue, the Leathermans said.

"We're going to continue to travel," Keith said.

"We are going to keep the doll shop here open," Ron added. "Our daughter Taylor's going to help take care of it this summer." The shop's hours will expand, he added.

Oris Buckles

Mr. Buckles

LEO — Oris Jon Buckles, 88, of Leo and formerly of Garrett died Saturday, March 5, 2005, at The Cedars Retirement Home in Leo after a long illness.

For 40 years, Mr. Buckles and his family lived southwest of Garrett where he and his wife, Barbara, owned and operated Buckles' Antiques.

He was born and raised in Noble County, where he graduated from Albion High School in 1934.

He married Barbara An Eikenberry in November 1941. She preceded him in death in August 2004.

After moving to Garrett, he served in the American Theater of Operations at Scott Field, Ill., with the 3505th Army Air Force Base Unit in 1945 and 1946, receiving an honorable discharge and a World War II Victory Medal.

He was instrumental in achieving the Keyser-Butler Township School consolidation in 1951, and was one of the first Parent-Teacher Association presidents in northeastern Indiana. He worked for 25 years as a tool-and-die designer and engineer for Electric Motors and Specialties in Garrett, retiring in 1977.

He was a 56-year member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, where he sang in the choir and served as a church deacon. Throughout his life, he was a master woodworker and supervised in the woodworking shop at the Fort Wayne Senior Citizens Center for 20 years in the 1980s and 1990s. He was an active member of the Indiana Kidney Foundation, the American Clock Association and the Fort Wayne Masons.

In addition to his lifelong interests in antiques, restoration, clocks and collectibles, he enjoyed gardening, horticulture, beekeeping, cooking, reading, keeping tropical fish, playing bridge, singing and playing 1930s and 1940s piano tunes, and attending local auctions and garage sales.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Donnadee and R.J. Hohimer of Fort Myers, Fla., Kathalee and Toby Refner of Auburn, Debbie and John Shelby of Phoenix and Teresa and Chris Barnard of Petaluma, Calif.; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Jody Lee Miller of Portland, Ore., Carisa and Paul Whittall of Wiltshire, England, Jon Gabriel and Melissa Miller of Groton, Conn., Libby Shelby and Johnny Shelby of Phoenix and Hillary Conrad and Max Conrad of Petaluma, Calif.; four great-granddaughters, Ally and Gabrielle Miller of Groton and Madeline and Abigail Whittall of Wiltshire; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Buckles Uhl of Granger and Janet Buckles of Austin, Texas; two nieces and their spouses, Linda and Don Swinehart of Granger and Joyce and Richard Langford of Austin; and a nephew and his spouse, Robert and Peg Buckles of Thousand Oaks, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Letha Buckles of Kimmell; two brothers, George and Robert Buckles; a grandson, Chad Miller; and an infant great-granddaughter, Baylee Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First Church of Christ, 213 E. King St., Garrett.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Private burial will be in Sparta Christian Church Cemetery at Kimmell.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Parkview Home Health and Hospice or the Indiana Kidney Foundation.

William Spitznaugle

Mr. Spitznaugle

KENDALLVILLE — William R. Spitznaugle, 23, of Kendallville died as a result of an automobile accident on U.S. 6 west of C.R. 1200E in Kendallville on Friday, March 4, 2005.

Mr. Spitznaugle was born in San Diego, Calif., on Dec. 24, 1981, to Mark and Lolita (Cuabo) Spitznaugle.

He had attended East Noble High School and was employed by A-1 Productions near Cree Lake.

Surviving are her parents, Mark and Lolita Spitznaugle of Kendallville; and a brother, Carl Spitznaugle of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Virgil Johnston

COLUMBIA CITY — Virgil Darwin Johnston, 80, of Columbia City and formerly of Union Township, died Saturday, March 5, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had become ill at his home on Wednesday and had been hospitalized since that time.

Mr. Johnston

Mr. Johnston was born July 1, 1924, in Churubusco to Frank A. and Nellie (Valentine) Johnston.

He spent his formative years in Churubusco and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1942. He then attended Purdue University for two years.

As a young man, he was employed at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne.

He was married in Columbia City to Lois N. Longenecker on Oct. 13, 1951. She survives.

Following their marriage, the couple moved to Union Township where Mr. Johnston was engaged in farming for most of his adult life until retiring in 1997. The Johnstons then moved to Columbia City.

Also surviving are four children and their spouses, Kathy and Brent DeWitt of Churubusco, Linda and John Pruss of Lawrenceburg, Kevin and Lou Ann Johnston of West Lafayette and Kelly and Tom Landis of Churubusco; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Tim Kumfer, pastor of Big Lake Church of God, officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the family plot in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Alice Retcher

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Alice M. Retcher, 69, of Defiance, Ohio, died Friday, March 4, 2005, at Laurels of Defiance.

She was a member of St. Stephen Lutheran Church and its Ladies Aid Society, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and was a past Sunday school teacher and choir member. She belonged to Ridgerunners Farm Bureau Council, Chatty 7 Card Club and South Richland Get Together Club.

She worked for Tupperware as a consultant from 1962 to 2003. She also worked for the Soil Conservation Area Office and Southwestern Life Insurance Co.

She was a 1953 Ayersville High School graduate and was an Ayersville Pilots basketball fan for many years.

She was born Sept. 27, 1935, in Defiance County to Clarence and Dorothy (Meyer) Goller.

She married Marion Retcher in 1958, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin and Penny Retcher of Lake Pleasant, Fremont and Martin and Pamela Retcher of Defiance; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Alice and Richard Nagel of Defiance; five grandchildren, Corey, Kalee and Cody Nagel and Preston and Kara Renae Retcher; and a sister and brother-in-law, Delores and William Rohn of Defiance.

She was preceded in death by infant triplet sisters, Maxine, Marjorie and Margaret Goller.

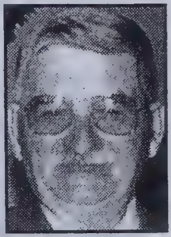
Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Defiance, with the Rev. William Stottlemyer and the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating. Burial will be in St. Stephen Lutheran Cemetery in Defiance County.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 9 p.m. at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home, Defiance, and one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Memorials are to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Clear Lake Lutheran Church or the Building Fund for Hospice/Caring Way.

Carl Ely

KENDALLVILLE — Carl Ely, 86, of Kendallville and formerly of Corunna died Friday, March 4, 2005, at his home.



Mr. Ely

He was a farmer for 40 years, and was the owner-operator of Ely Auto Sales for 25 years until 1979. He retired in 1998.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Corunna and the Elks and Moose lodges in Kendallville.

Mr. Ely was born in LaGrange County on June 11, 1918, to Norman and Maude (Gable) Ely.

He married Doloris Eisenhower on Dec. 25, 1938, in Hudson, and she died Dec. 11, 1994.

He married Stella M. Neeley in Waterloo on July 12, 1998, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Shirley Ely of Auburn and James and Cheryl Ely of Garrett; a stepson, Jerry Delong of Michigan; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Christine and Rickie Miller of Defiance, Ohio, Jackie and Tom Herrington of Ney, Ohio, and Kathleen and Chuck Messer of Kendallville; a sister, Mildred Rocker of Auburn; a sister-in-law, June Ely of St. Petersburg, Fla.; five grandchildren, 12 stepgrandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Harold Ely, and a sister, Edith Leader.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

George Grate

KENDALLVILLE — George G. Grate, 91, of Kendallville died Saturday, March 5, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Grate

He worked at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville and retired 30 years ago. He was a member of Richards Restaurant Coffee Club, spending lots of time there drinking coffee with his friends.

Mr. Grate was born in Richland Township in western DeKalb County on Dec. 2, 1913, to Glenn and Elpha (Smith) Grate.

He married Laura E. Thomson on April 20, 1935, in Corunna, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 20, 1980.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Herb and Sadie Grate of Ashley, Dwight and Beve Grate of Avilla and Glen and Carolyn Grate of Fort Wayne; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Connie and Don Teders of Avilla, Carolyn Anthony of Urbana, Ohio, Colleen and Lynn Hart of Wolcottville and Bonnie and Kenneth Gehring of Kendallville; 15 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepgrandchild, a stepgreat-grandchild, three brothers, Chester, Paul and Glen J. Grate, and a sister, Wilma Treesh.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be left online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU BY THE FAMILY OF ELIZABETH I. "COLLINS" WALDRON

We lost a mom, wife and a friend, but oh what lovely memories we have.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, flowers or spoke the kindest words. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

A very special Thank You to Emilio Vazquez, M.D. and Dr. Oo, Laurels Nursing Home and DeKalb Hospice, McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Pastors Jeff Fackler and Paul Markt and the Roger's Harvest House in Hamilton for the wonderful food and thanks for the food provided at the funeral home.

God Bless From The Families:

Robert Waldron Husband, Children Rosanna & Mitchell Crager and Family,
Gary & Karen Waldron and Family, Theresa Waldron and Family,
Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Kara Croy

KENDALLVILLE — Kara Lynne Croy, 19, of Kendallville died as a result of an automobile accident on U.S. 6 west of C.R. 1200E in Kendallville on Friday, March 4, 2005.

Miss Croy

Miss Croy was a graduate of Cornerstone Christian Academy, and was attending Ivy Tech College in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 20, 1985, to Jeff and Cathy (Wilcox) Croy. They survive in rural Kendallville.

Also surviving are her sister, Danielle Croy of Kendallville; a maternal grandmother, Sharon Wilcox of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Irvin and Patricia Croy of Avilla; and a great-grandmother, Marie Croy of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Carl F. Wilcox, on Jan. 19, 1999.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Leonard King officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be left online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Accident kills area snowboarder

THOMPSONVILLE, Mich. (AP) — A 21-year-old snowboarder died after he lost control while attempting a jump at Crystal Mountain resort and hit the ground, the Benzie County sheriff's department said.

Joas L. Miller, of Shipshewana, Ind., was pronounced dead at the scene at approximately 6:30 p.m. Saturday night, the sheriff's department said.

"The ski patrol went up there and tried to revive him but he didn't respond," resort president and general manager Jim MacInnes told the Traverse City Record-Eagle newspaper. "It's just a sad thing for a young man. Our heart goes out to the family."

The death remained under investigation Sunday by the medical examiner and other authorities. Results of an autopsy were expected to be released today.

Miller had worked at Keystone RV in Goshen for the past five years.

Crystal Mountain resort is located in the northern Lower Peninsula about 30 miles southwest of Traverse City.

This was the first fatal skiing or snowboarding accident in the 49-year history of Crystal Mountain, according to the Record Eagle.

Genevieve Harris

ANGOLA — Genevieve A. Harris, 73, of Angola died Sunday, March 6, 2005, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Harris was born Aug. 15, 1931, in Rockport to Louis J. and Clara E. Ballman Schulte. She married Jay D. Harris on Oct. 8, 1949, in Rockport. He preceded her in death on Aug. 21, 2002.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed golf and politics.

Surviving are two sons, Jeffrey and his wife, Lori, of Novi, Mich., and Douglas and his wife, Catherine, of Westland, Mich.; four grandchildren; and four sisters, Ruth Schumacher and Monica Adams, both of Rockport, Jennette Mitchell of Evansville and Joanne Evans of Whitesville, Ky.

Along with her husband, a brother, Leland Schulte, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Oakland Hill Cemetery, Novi, Mich. Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Memorials are to the donor's choice.

David Brown

BURR OAK, Mich. — David Brown, 46, of Burr Oak died Sunday, March 6, 2005, at his home.

Services are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home.

Lena Starkey

WOLF LAKE — Lena S. Starkey, 105, of Wolf Lake died at 8:40 p.m. Friday, March 4, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where she had been admitted Wednesday.

Mrs. Starkey

Mrs. Starkey taught school for one year at Little Lake School, and had been a stenographer at Wayne Tank & Pump and an administrative secretary at Purdue University. During World War II she had worked at Kingsbury Ordnance Plant and later was a bookkeeper for Gary Drapery.

She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel where she served as church organist and pianist for many years. She had also been a member of the Noble County Farm Bureau, Pythian Sisters and the Noble Seniors Home Demonstration Club. She toured the country with the Home Demonstration Chorus, performing in Seattle, Wash., Sarasota, Fla., Pasadena, Calif., Washington, D.C., and Toronto, Canada.

She was born Feb. 10, 1900, in Noble County to William H. and Lydia Irene (Frederick) Smith. She spent her formative years in the Wolf Lake and Merriam areas. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School and Anthony Wayne Institute.

On Aug. 26, 1922, she married Joseph Arthur Starkey. After living in various Indiana communities, they retired to their home in Wolf Lake in 1962 and began wintering in Port Orange, Fla., until the mid-1980s. Mr. Starkey died on March 26, 1971.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mirwood Allen and Lois Starkey of Mooreland; five daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary Ellen and Phil Adams Goodrich of Wolf Lake, Jane Cowan of Shepherdsville, Ky., Joan Tobey of Wolf Lake, Nancy May and Fred Larson of Hobart, and Shirley Ann Hile of Kimmell; 24 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and a great-great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son; two sisters, Bernice Friskney and Vera Justus; and two brothers, Marion T. Smith and Frederick Smith.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Merriam Christian Chapel, 3987 S. U.S. 33. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Shirley Hile's home, 5635 W. C.R. 100S, west of Wolf Lake, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Gideons or Merriam Christian Chapel.

Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City is in charge of arrangements.

Lillian Wappes

KENDALLVILLE — Lillian Marilyn Wappes, 83, of Kendallville died Saturday, March 5, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wappes formerly had been employed at King-Seely, Ligonier Rubber and Lyle Electric.

She was a member of American Legion Auxiliary at Post 86 in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wappes enjoyed spending time with her family and serving as a volunteer bell ringer for the Salvation Army and playing in the drum and bugle corps.

She was born March 5, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Elva and Helen (Herold) Hartup. On Jan. 17, 1959, in Churubusco, she married Clifford Lorenzo Wappes. He died May 26, 1988.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gerald E. and Sandy Groves of Albion and Barton E. Wappes of Whitefield, N.H.; three stepdaughters; Linda Smith of Albion, Annette Wappes of Warsaw and Sandy Hile of Wabash; five grandchildren, Gary Groves of Syracuse, Brenda Ratliff of South Bend, Shari Sabie of Hollywood, Md., Tiffany Ellenwood of Fort Wayne and Cassy Wappes of Albion; nine stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren and 20 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by all her brothers and sisters, Herold Hartup, Eugene Hartup, Marjorie Steven, Rosanna Goings, Helen Peters, Kathryn Groves and Dorthea Annabel Hartup; a stepgrandchild; and a stepgreat-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County EMS.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Ruth Hiatt

CHURUBUSCO — Ruth Ellen Hiatt, 74, of Churubusco died at 10:16 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient since Feb. 17.

Mrs. Hiatt

Mrs. Hiatt graduated from Albion High School in 1948 and received her nursing diploma from the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne in 1953.

She had worked at Children's Hospital in Chicago and later as unit coordinator at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne. She retired from there in 1992 with 20 years of service.

Mrs. Hiatt was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church. She was devoted to God. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren and was proud of her Irish heritage.

She was born Aug. 5, 1930, to Rex and Margaret (Mulcahy) McGinley. The family moved to Albion when she was young. On Sept. 5, 1961, in Evanston, Ill., she married Phillip L. Hiatt. He died Feb. 20, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret Hiatt of Churubusco; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Daniel Hiatt and Donald Hiatt, both of Churubusco, and Michael and Michele Hiatt of Avon, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Catherine and Weldon Mawhorter of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph P. and Viola McGinley of Kendallville; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with a rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorials are for Masses.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Connie Lynch

HUDSON — Connie L. Lynch, 66, of rural Hudson died Sunday, March 6, 2005, at her home.

She was born in Huntertown on March 14, 1938, to Edward A. and Voneta M. Schultz Stohlman.

Mrs. Lynch graduated from Albion-Jefferson High School and Indiana Wesleyan School of Nursing. She was a licensed practical nurse and worked as a nurse for Dana Corp. in Angola and Fort Wayne for 25 years. She also worked at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital and Northern Lakes Nursing Home, both in Angola.

She attended Helmer United Methodist Church and Albion Wesleyan Church.

Survivors include her husband, David C., whom she married March 13, 1964, in Albion; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Cynthia Diane Lynch and Tamara Renee Lynch, both of West Lafayette, Teresa Kaye Murphy, and her husband Robert, and Debra Sue Ernst, and her husband Richard, all of Angola; a brother, Duane Stohlman of Albion; two sisters, Carolyn Minkley of Naples, Fla., and Joyce Carmien of Albion; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

John Weimer

PIERCETON — John A. Weimer, 69, of Pierceton near Wilmot died at 4:54 a.m. Sunday, March 6, 2005, at Elkhart General Hospital where he had been a patient one week.

Mr. Weimer had been a farmer and a delivery driver with the recreational vehicle industry.

He was a member of Salem Community Church and had attended Ligonier Evangelical Church.

Mr. Weimer enjoyed farming and spending time outdoors and with his family.

He was born Feb. 12, 1936, in rural Noble County to Lennel and Hazel (Hunter) Weimer. On Aug. 5, 1955, at the Dutchtown Brethren Church, he married Lorene Mauzy. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Matt and Cheryl Weimer and Rusty and Cheryl Weimer, all of Howe, and Craig and Linda Weimer of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Dennis Sprunger of Ligonier; a brother, Arnold Weimer of Cromwell; a sister, Norma Mauzy of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Pat Weimer; and a sister, Ruby Weimer.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Ligonier Evangelical Church with the Rev. David Kushman officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery in Wilmot.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Ligonier Evangelical Church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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Joas Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Joas Lynn Miller, 21, of Shipshewana died at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005, in Benzie County, Mich., from injuries he sustained in a snowboarding accident at Crystal Mountain Ski Resort in Thompsonville, Mich.

Mr. Miller was a lifetime area resident. He had worked at Keystone RV in Goshen for the past five years.

He was born Nov. 4, 1983, in Goshen to Vernon J. and Darlene (Miller) Miller. They survive in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Miriam Elaine and Dennis Helmuth of Goshen and JoAnn Miller and her special friend, Lonnie Bontrager, of Shipshewana; four brothers, Kevin, Matthew, Anthony and Adrian Miller, all at home; his grandparents, Joni J. and Susie Miller and Jonas O. and Mabel Miller, all of Shipshewana; and two nephews, Zachary and Erik Helmuth.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family home at 1080 N. C.R. 1100W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Perry Bontrager and home ministers of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family home.

Byron Bruick

COLDWATER LAKE, Mich. — Byron C. Bruick, 61, of Coldwater Lake, Mich., and formerly of Fort Wayne died Thursday, March 3, 2005, at home.

Mr. Bruick

Mr. Bruick was born June 3, 1943, in Fort Wayne to Carl and Viola (Koeneman) Bruick. He married Jeanne Stalder on Nov. 18, 1972, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

He was a retired master mechanic and had worked at Valspar Corp. in Fort Wayne. He was a 1961 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School. He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, the Fremont Moose Lodge and the Angola Elks Lodge. His hobbies included fishing.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Richard Bertsch of Leo; and nine nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Peace Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Gordon Lough

WOLCOTTVILLE — Gordon R. "Wimp" Lough, 75, of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville, died Thursday, March 3, 2005, in Fort Myers, Fla.

Mr. Lough had owned Wimp's Auto Sales in New Haven for 30 years, retiring in 1990. He worked part-time for Shepherd's GMC in Kendallville.

He was a native of Geneva, Ind., and a member of New Haven Masonic Lodge 740, Order of the Eastern Star and New Haven United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Joan; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael Lough of Clearwater, Fla., and Thomas and Linda Lough of Monroeville; a daughter, Nancy Lough of LaOtto; a sister and brother-in-law, Ellen Jane and Rich Luellen of Fort Wayne; and two grandsons, Evan and Matthew.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven.

Calling will be from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. today at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Everett McBride Sr.

TEWKSBURY, Mass. — Everett P. McBride Sr., 76, of Tewksbury, Mass., died Feb. 15, 2005, at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell, Mass.

Mr. McBride was raised in Garrett and attended Garrett High School.

In 1946, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS Rochester after World War II. He was awarded several decorations from the military, including a Presidential Testimonial and the Mediterranean Navy Occupation Medal. He also received citations honoring his Navy service from both the Massachusetts House and Senate and the town of Tewksbury. He was honorably discharged from active duty on Jan. 5, 1950, at the rank of seaman apprentice.

Prior to his retirement in 1991, Mr. McBride was a brakeman for 40 years with the New Haven, Penn Central and Conrail railroad companies of Boston.

He had been a resident of Tewksbury, Mass., since 1968, and was a member of the Tewksbury United Methodist Church and Tewksbury VFW Post 8164. Before moving to Tewksbury, he lived in Wilmington, Mass., for several ears. He was an avid hunter nd fisherman. He also enjoyed laying cribbage.

He was born Jan. 31, 1929, n Garrett to Charles and Pearl Heffilfinger) McBride. They receded him in death.

He was married to Eleanor (Sachs) McBride, who died 1964, and Barbara J. razee) McBride, who died in 980.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Donna L. and Paul Ardolino of Florida, Kathleen J. Goss of Tewksbury, Mass., and Nancy A. Hicks of Milton, Mass.; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Albert W. Goss of Manchester, N.H., Selectmen Chairman Everett P. McBride Jr. and Doreen McBride of Salem, N.H., Thomas S. Goss of Tucson, Ariz., and Paul C. McBride of North Hampton, N.H.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dean and Dora McBride of Butler, and Harley and Janet McBride of Hamilton; and 12 grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to provide additional information.*

Connie Lynch

HUDSON — Connie L. Lynch, 66, of rural Hudson died Sunday at her home.

She was born in Huntertown on March 14, 1938, to Edward A. and Voneta M. Schultz Stohlman.

Mrs. Lynch graduated from Albion Jefferson High School and Indiana Wesleyan School of Nursing. She was a licensed practical nurse and worked as a nurse for Dana Corp. in Angola and Fort Wayne for 25 years. She also worked at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital and Northern Lakes Nursing Home, both in Angola.

She attended Helmer United Methodist Church and Albion Wesleyan Church.

Survivors include her husband, David C., whom she married March 13, 1964, in Albion; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Cynthia Diane Lynch and Tamara Renee Lynch, both of West Lafayette, Teresa Kaye Murphy, and her husband Robert, and Debra Sue Ernst, and her husband Richard, all of Angola; a brother, Duane Stohlman of Albion; two sisters, Carolyn Minkley of Naples, Fla., and Joyce Carmien of Albion; and six grandchildren, Amber, Autumn and Robert Murphy, Bryan and Brandy Ernst and David Lynch.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating.

Calling will be today from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Beulah Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Beulah Berniece Yoder, 82, of Shipshewana died at 6:50 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2005, at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Yoder

Mrs. Yoder was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She was a homemaker and member of Emma Mennonite Church.

Mrs. Yoder enjoyed reading, sewing and volunteering at her church.

She was born Jan. 20, 1923, in LaGrange County to Enos and Lovina Lucy (Mehl) Mishler. On Dec. 21, 1940, in Shipshewana, she married Golan A. Yoder.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Keith E. Gingerich of Goshen and Lucy and Les Bontrager of Middlebury; four sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald D. and Sharon Yoder of Shipshewana, James D. and Sandra Yoder of Goshen, Gary D. and Cindy Yoder of Middlebury and Joel D. and Leslie Yoder of Montrose, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Esther and Freeman Hartman of Goshen; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandchild; six sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Emma Mennonite Church with the Rev. Gene Hartman officiating. Burial will be in Forest Grove Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to India Menno-Clinic or Parkview Hospice of Noble County.

David Brown

BURR OAK, Mich. — David E. "Davy" Brown, 46, of Burr Oak and formerly of LaGrange died at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 6, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Brown had been left paralyzed and disabled from a construction accident in February 1993.

He had lived in LaGrange County most of his life and was a 1977 graduate of Prairie Heights High School.

He was born Feb. 20, 1959, in LaGrange to LeRoy and Bertha (Pierce) Brown. He made his home with his life partner, Michele Halferty, in Burr Oak.

Also surviving are three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Sandra L. "Sandi" Brown of Kendallville, Ruby "Sis" and Phil Crider of Ligonier and Rebecca "Peanut" and Terry Shreve of LaGrange; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Merideth "Butch" and Peggy Brown and Charles "Babe" Brown, all of Wolcottville, Carl "Dutch" and Joyce Brown of Churubusco, and Donald "Donnie" and Vicki Brown of LaGrange.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with the Rev. Michael McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct errors and add information.*

Byron Bruick

COLDWATER LAKE, Mich. — Byron C. Bruick, 61, of Coldwater Lake, Mich., and formerly of Fort Wayne died Thursday, March 3, 2005, at home.

Mr. Bruick

Mr. Bruick was born June 3, 1943, in Fort Wayne to Carl and Viola (Koeneman) Bruick. He married Jeanne Stalder on Nov. 18, 1972, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

He was a retired master mechanic, and had worked at Valspar Corp. in Fort Wayne. He was a 1961 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School. He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, the Fremont Moose Lodge and the Angola Elks Lodge. His hobbies included fishing.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Richard Bertsch of Leo; and nine nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on April 16 at Peace Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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L. Bernice Dissinger

FORT WAYNE — L. Bernice Dissinger, 95, of Fort Wayne died Friday, March 4, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dissinger

Born in Spencerville, she lived in the Auburn area for 26 years. She was a homemaker and attended Highland Bethel Church.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and David Bates of Marion, Arlene and John Motter of Phillipsburg, Ohio, Dee and Jim Ramsey of Fort Wayne and Marilyn and Richard Steiner of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, and four brothers.

A memorial service will be Saturday, March 19, at 11 a.m. in Highland Bethel Church, 3800 N. Clinton St., with calling from 10 to 11 a.m.

D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to Highland Bethel Church and League of the Blind.

Craig Herbert

FORTVILLE — Craig Steven Herbert, 34, of Fortville, a former resident of the Angola and Fort Wayne areas, died Sunday, March 6, 2005.

Mr. Herbert was born Nov. 4, 1970, in Rushville. He was a patrolman with the Lawrence Police Department for five years and was a member of its SWAT Team. He was a 12-year Army veteran.

He was previously a member of the Fortville Police Department. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 159 and American Legion Post No. 115, both in Rushville.

Surviving are his wife, Windi (Liscomb) Herbert; two sons, Austin and Caleb Herbert; his mother and stepfather, Andrea and Raymond Macy; his father and stepmother, John and Darla Herbert of Pleasant Lake; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Ron and Amy Herbert, John and Vicki Herbert, Kevin and Jessica Herbert and Ryan and Michelle Herbert; a stepbrother and stepsister-in-law, Jay and Jackie Macy; three stepsisters and a stepbrother-in-law, Diana Alford, Angie and Kevin Green and Jackie Bailey; his maternal grandmother, Thelma Middleton; his mother-in-law and her husband, Doug and Brenda Liscomb Martin; his father-in-law and his wife, Steve and Yvonne Liscomb; his paternal grandmothers-in-law, Viola Coleman and Delores Eads; a sister and brother-in-law Tina and Shawn Davenport; a brother and sister-in-law Steve and Kim Liscomb; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by maternal grandparents Edna Marie Sexson, and Harlan A. Roberts and paternal grandparents Rosie M. Herbert and John L. Herbert.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Calvary Temple of Indianapolis, 2901 Post Road. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Grove Lawn Cemetery, Pendleton.

Memorials are to The Herbert Family Memorial Fund, care of any branch of the Indiana Members Credit Union.

Arrangements are being handled by Crown Hill Funeral Home.

Larry Myers

ALBION — Larry Myers, 58, of Skinner Lake died unexpectedly early Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Robert Woodward

GARRETT — Robert J. Woodward, 80, of Garrett died Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Born in Garrett, Mr. Woodward retired from International Harvester in 1980 after 35 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Army infantry from 1943 to 1945 and was a member of American Legion Post 178, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Woodward of Garrett; four sons, Robert, John and Joe Woodward, all of Garrett, and Michael Woodward of Ashley; two daughters, Joyce Ann Bishop of Auburn and Nila Talbit of Stevensville, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Woodward in 1954; his parents; and three brothers, Jim, Harold and Don Woodward.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett post of the American Legion (Disabled Veterans).

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Wayne Storer

ST. JOE — Wayne D. "Pete" Storer, 85, of St. Joe died Monday, March 7, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Storer enjoyed farming and worked as an office supply and mailroom manager at Tokheim for 45 years.

He was a World War II veteran and a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ, where he served as a deacon and elder.

Mr. Storer was honored as a lifetime member of the St. Joe Lions Club on Feb. 14.

He was one of the first basketball players in the area to perfect the one-handed shot.

He was born Dec. 14, 1919, in DeKalb County to Milton Edward and Katie Lovett (Clark) Storer. She preceded him in death.

He married Marcelle Elaine Rediger on March 23, 1946, in Spencerville. She survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are two daughters, Rosalind Ann Storer of Auburn and Debra Jo Storer of St. Joe; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry Wayne and Meredith Storer of St. Joe; a daughter-in-law, Debra Rae Storer of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Justin Storer, Adam Storer, Melinda Storer, Jessa Carreon, Jason Storer, Kevi Disrud, Shannon Nemeth and Todd Brown; four great-grandchildren, Jacob, Aiden, Tanner and Jenna; and a sister, Bea Laub of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Pauline Storer; an infant daughter, Amy Storer; a son, Michael David Storer, in 1995; and three sisters, Hazel Simanton, Helen Wade and Bobbie Squires.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the St. Joe Church of Christ, Jefferson Street, with the Rev. Larry Watson officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the church fellowship hall.

Memorials are to the St. Joe Church of Christ, P.O. Box 285, St. Joe, IN 46785.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

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Oris Buckles, 88

LEO — Oris Jon Buckles, 88, of Leo and formerly of Garrett died Saturday, March 5, 2005, at The Cedars Retirement Home in Leo after a long illness.

For 40 years, Mr. Buckles and his family lived southwest of Garrett where he and his wife, Barbara, owned and operated Buckles' Antiques.

He was born and raised in Noble County, where he graduated from Albion High School in 1934.

He married Barbara An Eikenberry in November 1941. She preceded him in death in August 2004.

After moving to Garrett, he served in the American Theater of Operations at Scott Field, Ill., with the 3505th Army Air Force Base Unit in 1945 and 1946, receiving an honorable discharge and a World War II Victory Medal.

He was instrumental in achieving the Keyser-Butler Township School consolidation in 1951 and was one of the first Parent-Teacher Association presidents in northeastern Indiana. He worked for 25 years as a tool-and-die designer and engineer for Electric Motors and Specialties in Garrett, retiring in 1977.

He was a 56-year member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, where he sang in the choir and served as a church deacon. Throughout his life, he was a master woodworker and supervised in the woodworking shop at the Fort Wayne Senior Citizens Center for 20 years in the 1980s and 1990s. He was an active member of the Indiana Kidney Foundation, the American Clock Association and the Fort Wayne Masons.

In addition to his lifelong interests in antiques, restoration, clocks and collectibles, he enjoyed gardening, horticulture, beekeeping, cooking, reading, keeping tropical fish, playing bridge, singing and playing 1930s and 1940s piano tunes, and attending local auctions and garage sales.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Donnadee and R.J. Hohimer of Fort Myers, Fla., Kathalee and Toby Refner of Auburn, Debbie and John Shelby of Phoenix and Teresa and Chris Barnard of Petaluma, Calif.; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Jody Lee Miller of Portland, Ore., Carisa and Paul Whittall of Wiltshire, England, Jon Gabriel and Melissa Miller of Groton, Conn., Libby Shelby and Johnny Shelby of Phoenix and Hillary Conrad and Max Conrad of Petaluma, Calif.; four great-granddaughters, Ally and Gabrielle Miller of Groton and Madeline and Abigail Whittall of Wiltshire; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Buckles Uhl of Granger and Janet Buckles of Austin, Texas; two nieces and their spouses, Linda and Don Swinehart of Granger and Joyce and Richard Langford of Austin; and a nephew and his spouse, Robert and Peg Buckles of Thousand Oaks, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Letha Buckles of Kimmell; two brothers, George and Robert Buckles; a grandson, Chad Miller; and an infant great-granddaughter, Baylee Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First Church of Christ, 213 E. King St., Garrett.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Private burial will be in Sparta Christian Church Cemetery at Kimmell.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Parkview Home Health and Hospice or the Indiana Kidney Foundation.

Kara Croy, 19

KENDALLVILLE — Kara Lynne Croy, 19, of Kendallville died as a result of an automobile accident on U.S. 6 west of C.R. 1200E in Kendallville on Friday, March 4, 2005.

Miss Croy was a graduate of Cornerstone Christian Academy and was attending Ivy Tech College in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 20, 1985, to Jeff and Cathy (Wilcox) Croy. They survive in rural Kendallville.

Also surviving are her sister, Danielle Croy of Kendallville; a maternal grandmother, Sharon Wilcox of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Irvin and Patricia Croy of Avilla; and a great-grandmother, Marie Croy of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Carl F. Wilcox, on Jan. 19, 1999.

Services were held Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Leonard King officiating.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be left online at *www.hitefuneralhome.com.*

Elizabeth Ramer, 81

LAGRANGE — Elizabeth J. "Betty" Ramer, 81, of LaGrange died Thursday, March 3, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ramer was a homemaker and worked at Starcraft Corp. in Emma. She was a member of Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church in Howe. She lived most of her life in Noble and LaGrange counties.

She was born July 29, 1923, in Ligonier to Clyde and Vivian (Fought) Bish. She married Elmer S. Ramer on March 17, 1942, in Wawaka. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Al Myers of Albion; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Duane and Glenda Ramer of Connersville, Kevin Ramer of LaGrange, Stephan and Johnna Ramer of Plymouth and David Ramer of New Haven; six grandchildren; a sister, Frances Myers of Wawaka; and two brothers, Donald Bish of Wawaka and Robert Bish of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by a brother, George Bish.

Services were held Monday, March 7, 2005, at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Dewey Miller officiated. Burial was in Salem Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church.

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Thelma Franks, 80

WAWAKA — Thelma M. Franks, 80, of Wawaka died Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Franks had moved to the area in 1993 from Anderson.

She had been accounting supervisor with Delco Remy in Anderson.

Mrs. Franks was a member of American Association of Women Accountants, Business & Professional Women and the Ligonier Evangelical Church. She had assisted with the Library Literacy Program and had been an adviser for Junior Achievement.

She had received the Volunteer of the Year award from the Anderson YMCA in 1991, Woman of the Year award from the Anderson YMCA, and had received the Distinguished Service Award in 1985 from the Management Club of Madison County.

Mrs. Franks was born April 6, 1924, in Butler to Wayland and Mae (Bryant) Mutzfeld. She graduated from Ball State Teachers College.

On Feb. 13, 1993, in Wawaka, she married William "Tom" Franks. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. John E. and Jean Marvel of Fairmount; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Marvel and Paul Nelson of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and Ruth and David McCord of Lewisburg, Pa.; three stepsons and their wives, Thomas J. and Sharon Franks and William "Clee" and Cheryl Franks, all of Wawaka, and Frank E. and Jackie Franks of Hartford City; a step-daughter and her husband, Karen L and Vincent Scalabrino of Palatine, Illinois; a brother and sister-in-law, Harley and Alice Mutzfeld of Needham, Mass.; a sister and brother-in-law, Jeannette and John Morgan of Peterborough, Ontario; 18 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Edward Thomson, who was killed in World War II. She had also been married to Thomas J. Marvel.

Services were held Friday, March 4, 2005, at Ligonier Evangelical Church with the Revs. Hubert Harriman, David Kushman and Stephen Cox officiating. Burial was in Butler Cemetery in Butler.

For those who wish, memorials are to Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation, 8120 Woodmont Ave., Suite 530, Bethesda, MD 20814 or to Ligonier Evangelical Church.

George Grate, 91

KENDALLVILLE — George G. Grate, 91, of Kendallville died Saturday, March 5, 2005, at his home.

He worked at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville and retired 30 years ago. He was a member of Richards Restaurant Coffee Club, spending lots of time there drinking coffee with his friends.

Mr. Grate was born in Richland Township in western DeKalb County on Dec. 2, 1913, to Glenn and Elpha (Smith) Grate.

He married Laura E. Thomson on April 20, 1935, in Corunna, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 20, 1980.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Herb and Sadie Grate of Ashley, Dwight and Beve Grate of Avilla and Glen and Carolyn Grate of Fort Wayne; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Connie and Don Teders of Avilla, Carolyn Anthony of Urbana, Ohio, Colleen and Lynn Hart of Wolcottville and Bonnie and Kenneth Gehring of Kendallville; 15 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepgrandchild, a step-great-grandchild, three brothers, Chester, Paul and Glen J. Grate, and a sister, Wilma Treesh.

Services were held Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be left online at *www.hitefuneralhome.com.*

Ruth Hiatt, 74

CHURUBUSCO — Ruth Ellen Hiatt, 74, of Churubusco died Saturday, March 5, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient since Feb. 17.

Mrs. Hiatt graduated from Albion High School in 1948 and received her nursing diploma from the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne in 1953.

She had worked at Children's Hospital in Chicago and later as unit coordinator at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne. She retired from there in 1992 with 20 years of service.

Mrs. Hiatt was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church. She was devoted to God. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren and was proud of her Irish heritage.

She was born Aug. 5, 1930, to Rex and Margaret (Mulcahy) McGinley. The family moved to Albion when she was young. On Sept. 5, 1961, in Evanston, Ill., she married Phillip L. Hiatt. He died Feb. 20, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret Hiatt of Churubusco; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Daniel Hiatt and Donald Hiatt, both of Churubusco, and Michael and Michele Hiatt of Avon, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Catherine and Weldon Mawhorter of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph P. and Viola McGinley of Kendallville; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed for masses.

Condolences may be sent online to *sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.*

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Lena Starkey, 105

WOLF LAKE — Lena S. Starkey, 105, of Wolf Lake died at 8:40 p.m. Friday, March 4, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where she had been admitted Wednesday.

Mrs. Starkey taught school for one year at Little Lake School, and had been a stenographer at Wayne Tank & Pump and an administrative secretary at Purdue University. During World War II she had worked at Kingsbury Ordinance Plant and later was a bookkeeper for Gary Drapery.

She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel where she served as church organist and pianist for many years. She had also been a member of the Noble County Farm Bureau, Pythian Sisters and the Noble Seniors Home Demonstration Club. She toured the country with the Home Demonstration Chorus, performing in Seattle, Wash., Sarasota, Fla., Pasadena, Calif., Washington, D.C., and Toronto, Canada.

She was born Feb. 10, 1900, in Noble County to William H. and Lydia Irene (Frederick) Smith. She spent her formative years in the Wolf Lake and Merriam areas. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School and Anthony Wayne Institute.

On Aug. 26, 1922, she married Joseph Arthur Starkey. After living in various Indiana communities, they retired to their home in Wolf Lake in 1962 and began wintering in Port Orange, Fla., until the mid-1980s. Mr. Starkey died on March 26, 1971.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mirwood Allen and Lois Starkey of Mooreland; five daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary Ellen (Phil) Adams Goodrich of Wolf Lake, Jane Cowan of Shepherdsville, Ky., Joan Tobey of Wolf Lake, Nancy May (Fred) Larson of Hobart, and Shirley Ann Hile of Kimmell; 24 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and a great-great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son; two sisters, Bernice Friskney and Vera Justus; and two brothers, Marion T. Smith and Frederick Smith.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Merriam Christian Chapel, 3985 S. U.S. 33. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Shirley Hile's home, 5635 W. C.R. 100S, west of Wolf Lake, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Gideons or Merriam Christian Chapel.

Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City is in charge of arrangements.

Connie Lynch, 66

HUDSON — Connie L. Lynch, 66, of rural Hudson died Sunday, March 6, 2005, at her home.

She was born in Huntertown on March 14, 1938, to Edward A. and Voneta M. (Schultz) Stohlman.

Mrs. Lynch graduated from Albion-Jefferson High School and Indiana Wesleyan School of Nursing. She was a licensed practical nurse and worked as a nurse for Dana Corp. in Angola and Fort Wayne for 25 years. She also worked at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital and Northern Lakes Nursing Home, both in Angola.

She attended Helmer United Methodist Church and Albion Wesleyan Church.

Survivors include her husband, David C., whom she married March 13, 1964, in Albion; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Cynthia Diane Lynch and Tamara Renee Lynch, both of West Lafayette, Teresa Kaye Murphy, and her husband Robert, and Debra Sue Ernst, and her husband Richard, all of Angola; a brother, Duane Stohlman of Albion; two sisters, Carolyn Minkley of Naples, Fla., and Joyce Carmien of Albion; and six grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. Condolences may be sent to *Johnson@bnin.net.*

Roberta Ott, 61

ALBION — Roberta J. "Bert" Ott, 61, of rural Albion died at 3:05 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Ott was a native of Kendallville and had spent her formative years in Green Township. She was a 1962 graduate of Albion High School.

She had been a customer service representative for Lyall Assemblies Inc. in Merriam for 13 years.

In her leisure time, she enjoyed sending greeting cards to her family and friends. She was also known for her love of the color purple.

She was born Dec. 20, 1943, in Kendallville to Robert R. "Mike" and Velda (Leitch) Winebrenner. They survive in Albion. On May 27, 2000, in Noble County, she married Keith A. Ott. He survives.

Also surviving are five children, Renee (Rex) Ott, Randy L. Katz and Terry E. (companion, Brook Yontz) Ott, all of Albion, and Susan (Roland) Ransom and Tina (Shannon) Van Horn, both of Thompson, Mo.; her mother-in-law, Ruth Ott of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Oran J. and Carol Winebrenner of Huntertown; and nine grandchildren, Brandi Ott, Stana Butler, Skyler Ott, Lauren Ransom, Brooke Ransom, Cora Ransom, Keith Ransom, Cody Van Horn, and Henacie Ott.

Services were held Saturday, March 5, 2005, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Mrs. Ott's uncle, the Rev. Walter Winebrenner, officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online to *sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.*

THE NEW ERA

March 9 2005 Albion, Indiana

Lillian Wappes, 83

KENDALLVILLE — Lillian Marilyn Wappes, 83, of Kendallville died Saturday, March 5, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wappes formerly had been employed at King-Seely, Ligonier Rubber and Lyle Electric.

She was a member of American Legion Auxiliary at Post 86 in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wappes enjoyed spending time with her family and serving as a volunteer bell ringer for the Salvation Army and playing in the drum and bugle corps.

She was born March 5, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Elva and Helen (Herold) Hartup. On Jan. 17, 1959, in Churubusco, she married Clifford Lorenzo Wappes. He died May 26, 1988.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gerald E. and Sandy Groves of Albion and Barton E. Wappes of Whitefield, N.H.; three stepdaughters; Linda Smith of Albion, Annette Wappes of Warsaw and Sandy Hile of Wabash; five grandchildren, Gary Groves of Syracuse, Brenda Ratliff of South Bend, Shari Sabie of Hollywood, Md., Tiffany Ellenwood of Fort Wayne and Cassy Wappes of Albion; nine stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren and 20 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by all her brothers and sisters, Herold Hartup, Eugene Hartup, Marjorie Steven, Rosanna Goings, Helen Peters, Kathryn Groves and Dorthea Annabel Hartup; a stepgrandchild; and a stepgreat-grandchild.

Services were held Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at Hite Funeral Home. Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Memorials are to the Noble County EMS.

Condolences may be sent online to *www.hitefuneralhome.com.*

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Juva Marsden

CHURUBUSCO — Juva Hyre Marsden, 92, of Noblesville and formerly of Whitley County died at 9:15 a.m. Monday, March 7, 2005, at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville.

Mrs. Marsden

Mrs. Marsden spent her formative years in Benton and graduated from Benton High School. She had lived in the Columbia City and Collins areas, Churubusco, Cambridge, Wis., and moved to Santa Monica, Calif., in 1965. She lived in California until returning to Indiana in 2001 to be near her nephew.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Santa Monica and Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136.

Mrs. Marsden had served as president of the volunteers for Santa Monica/UCLA Hospital.

She was born July 23, 1912, in Stroh to Holly and Mame (Harshbarger) Hyre.

Surviving are a nephew and his wife, Robert and Marie Frash of Noblesville; a stepson and his wife, Gene and Margot Marsden of Pacific Palisades, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Sally Marsden of Encino, Calif., a stepdaughter-in-law, Kathy Marsden of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Marsden in 2000; a brother, Ralph W. Hyre; and a sister, Elizabeth Frash.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Sue Socha of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with an Eastern Star service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Richard Tieman

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Wayne Tieman, 77, of Kendallville died Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Tieman

Mr. Tieman was a real estate broker and a past member of the Indiana Board or Realtors.

He had owned a fishing and hunting resort in Wisconsin for many years before retiring in 1995.

Mr. Tieman was a U.S. Navy veteran and honorably discharged Sept. 29, 1945. He was a member of the American Legion.

He was born April 12, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Franklin and Maude Tieman. On Aug. 2, 1947, in Fort Wayne, he married Ilene Mullendore. She died Oct. 20, 1996.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Millie Tieman of Butler; a sister, Wanda Widmann of LaGrange; and four grandchildren and their spouses, Shelly and Jeff Shultz, Christena and Jim Huff, and Steven John Tieman, all of Butler, and Laura and Ben Rollins of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bob Tieman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Larry Myers

ALBION — Larry Charles Myers, 58, of Albion died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at his home at Skinner Lake, rural Albion.

Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers had been employed for 23 years with Johnson Controls in Goshen before becoming disabled in 1990.

He was a member of Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo, the Sons of the American Legion in Albion and the Eagles Lodge in Albion.

Mr. Myers loved fishing and camping.

He was born Feb. 1, 1947, at Wolf Lake to Charles and Henrietta (Musser) Myers. They are deceased. On Aug. 12, 1995, in Waterloo, he married Vicky Lee Heileman. She survives.

Also surviving are his five children and their spouses, Charles Thomas and Cindi of Bristol, Benjamin Larry and Karen of Avilla, Joseph Lee of Albion, Richard of New Paris, and Alicia of Avilla; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Patsy Kelly of Cromwell and Nancy and Stanley Fausnaugh of Ligonier; three brothers, Terry Myers of Ligonier, Jerry Myers of LaGrange and Garry Wayne Myers and his special friend, Rose Ray, both of Churubusco; and three grandchildren, Evan Thomas Myers, Lily Nicole Myers and Jacob Lee Myers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Free Will Baptist Church in Waterloo with Pastor Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 2-9 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

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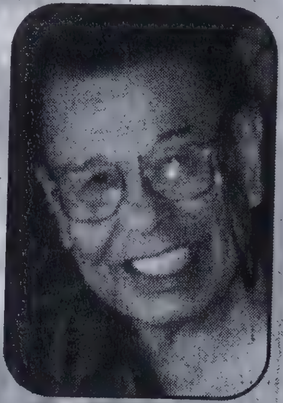

You gave no one a last farewell,
Nor ever said good-bye.
You were gone before we knew it,
and only God knows why.
A million times we cry.
If love alone could have saved you,
you never would have died.
In life, we loved you dearly.
In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place,
no one else can fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone,
for part of us went with you,
the day God took you home.

We will meet again someday. I know in a better place. I thank God He made you my dad while you were here on earth. You were a Granddad, Dad and a husband who will be loved forever. We all miss you very much.

The Family of
Andrew Chavez
1925-2004

In Loving Memory of

Andrew D. Chavez, Sr.

Dec. 10, 1925 - Mar. 10, 2004

Dear Dad,
There is a strength I found in you,
which no one else could ever give to me.
A way you looked at life, which opened my eyes to opportunity.
You shared experiences from your life -
a way of life that we would never know.
You sacrificed so much to give to all of us,
but somehow, you never ever let it show.
Your jokes brought so much laughter and so much fun,
you used to say "You're gonna miss me when I'm gone."
My sweetest, dearest Dad, you are so right.
Since you are gone the world just doesn't seem as bright.
Ti amo mucho, con todo de me corazón.

We love and miss you Dad,
Your loving Wife and Children

The family of

Kenneth B. Martin

would like to thank everyone who expressed their sympathy for the loss of our loved one. A most difficult time was eased by all who sent cards, came to the house and funeral home, gave memorials, prepared food, and shared their memories with us. We would like to especially thank the following: **Kendallville Manor Nursing Home; Dr. Warrener and staff** - for your love and compassionate care of Ken. **Parkview Noble ER** - your staff was extremely helpful and kind. **Albion St. Mark's Lutheran Church** - for graciously allowing us to use your fellowship hall for the dinner. **Albion Trinity Methodist Church** - for you preparation and serving of the dinner. **Albion American Legion Post 246** - for your tribute to a fellow veteran. **Sweet Church Community Center** - We will always treasure the "tolling of the bell"-Thank you!

Ken's presence on this earth did truly affect many, and he is **greatly** missed.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

Pam & Ross Martin
Scot, Anita, Tony & Ashley Martin

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John Weimer

John A. Weimer, 69, of erceton near Wilmot died at 54 a.m. Sunday, March 6, 2005, Elkhart General Hospital here he had been a patient for e week.

Mr. Weimer had been a farmer d a delivery driver with the creational vehicle industry.

He was a member of Salem ommunity Church and had tended Ligonier Evangelical hurch.

Mr. Weimer enjoyed farming nd spending time outdoors and ith his family.

He was born Feb. 12, 1936, in ral Noble County to Lennel and azel (Hunter) Weimer. On Aug. , 1955, at the Dutchtown rethren Church, he married orene Mauzy. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons nd daughters-in-law, Matt and heryl Weimer, and Rusty and heryl Weimer, all of Howe, and raig and Linda Weimer of igonier; a daughter and son-in-aw, Kim and Dennis Sprunger of igonier; a brother, Arnold Weimer of Cromwell; a sister, Norma Mauzy of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Pat Weimer; and a sister, Ruby Weimer.

Services were Wednesday, March 9, at Ligonier Evangelical Church with the Rev. David Kushman officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery in Wilmot.

Memorials are to Ligonier Evangelical Church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

Richard Richter

Richard A. Richter, 64, of Ligonier, died Thursday, March 3 at his home.

He was born June 2, 1940, in Plymouth, Mass., to Edward J. and Dorothy (Post) Richter.

He married Ruth Anne Jones in 1987 at Wawaka Church of the Brethren.

He had lived in the area for 40 years and was a licensed general contractor and owned Richter Construction Co.

Mr. Richter

He was a veteran of the Army, serving in Korea. He was a member of Wawaka Church of the Brethren, West Noble American Legion Post and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Syracuse.

He enjoyed magic and was a member of the Magicians' Club of South Bend.

He is survived by his wife, Ligonier; two sons, Michael (Krista) Jones, Wawaka, and Stephen (Deb) Jones, Warsaw; three daughters, Janene (Doug Cage) Preston-Cage, Greenwood, Jacqueline (Jim) Newman, Fishers, and Natalie (Tony) Stover, Nappanee; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Edward Richter.

The funeral service was Monday, March 7 at the funeral home, with the Rev. Verne H. Leininger officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Heifer Project International.

Charles White

Charles "Chuck" F. White, 76, of Goshen and formerly of Ligonier, died at 12:57 a.m. Wednesday at Goshen General Hospital.

He was born April 23, 1928, in Ligonier, to Conrad "Coonie" and Bessie A. (Clawson) White.

On July 18, 1959, he married Mary Lou Moore. She died April 16, 1984. He then married Miriam Joan Hunsperger on May 18, 1985.

A 1946 graduate of Ligonier High School, he was the former youth leader at First United Methodist Church in Goshen, where he was a member.

He was employed at Johnson Controls for 44 years and had been a supervisor from 1959 until his retirement in 1992 .

He was a member of the Big Brother program for 11 years and was a 50-year member of Ligonier Masonic Lodge 185, where he was the secretary for 33 years.

He was a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne and was a volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club, Goshen, where he was a tutor.

He was a member of the Exchange Club, Goshen.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Joellen (Thomas) Cook, Fort Myers, Fla.; a son, Jerry Boomershine, Chicago; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral service was Friday, March 4 at the church, with the Revs. Mark Gough and Pam Kling of First United Methodist Church, and Dave Hackney of New Paris Missionary Church officiating.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorial contributions may be directed to First United Methodist Church or Goshen Boys & Girls Club, Goshen.

David Brown

David E. "Davy" Brown, 46, of Burr Oak and formerly of LaGrange died at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 6, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Brown had been left paralyzed and disabled from a construction accident in February 1993.

He had lived in LaGrange County most of his life and was a 1977 graduate of Prairie Heights High School.

He was born Feb. 20, 1959, in LaGrange to LeRoy and Bertha (Pierce) Brown. He made his home with his life partner, Michele Halferty, in Burr Oak.

Also surviving are three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Sandra L. "Sandi" Brown of Kendallville, Ruby "Sis" and Phil Crider of Ligonier and Rebecca "Peanut" and Terry Shreve of LaGrange; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Merideth "Butch" and Peggy Brown and Charles "Babe" Brown, all of Wolcottville, Carl "Dutch" and Joyce Brown of Churubusco, and Donald "Donnie" and Vicki Brown of LaGrange.

Services were Wednesday, March 9. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with the Rev. Michael McKinney officiating. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

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Lena Starkey

Lena S. Starkey, 105, of Wolf Lake died at 8:40 p.m. Friday, March 4, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where she had been admitted Wednesday.

Mrs. Starkey taught school for one year at Little Lake School, and had been a stenographer at Wayne Tank & Pump and an administrative secretary at Purdue University. During World War II she had worked at Kingsbury Ordnance Plant and later was a bookkeeper for Gary Drapery.

Mrs. Starkey

She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel where she served as church organist and pianist for many years. She had also been a member of the Noble County Farm Bureau, Pythian Sisters and the Noble Seniors Home Demonstration Club. She toured the country with the Home Demonstration Chorus, performing in Seattle, Wash., Sarasota, Fla., Pasadena, Calif., Washington, D.C., and Toronto, Canada.

She was born Feb. 10, 1900, in Noble County to William H. and Lydia Irene (Frederick) Smith. She spent her formative years in the Wolf Lake and Merriam areas. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School and Anthony Wayne Institute.

On Aug. 26, 1922, she married Joseph Arthur Starkey. After living in various Indiana communities, they retired to their home in Wolf Lake in 1962 and began wintering in Port Orange, Fla., until the mid-1980s. Mr. Starkey died on March 26, 1971.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mirwood Allen and Lois Starkey of Mooreland; five daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary Ellen and Phil Adams Goodrich of Wolf Lake, Jane Cowan of Shepherdsville, Ky., Joan Tobey of Wolf Lake, Nancy May and Fred Larson of Hobart, and Shirley Ann Hile of Kimmell; 24 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and a great-great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son; two sisters, Bernice Friskney and Vera Justus; and two brothers, Marion T. Smith and Frederick Smith.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 11 at Merriam Christian Chapel, 3987 S. U.S. 33. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Thursday, March 10 at Shirley Hile's home, 5635 W. C.R. 100S, west of Wolf Lake, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Gideons or Merriam Christian Chapel.

Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City is in charge of arrangements.

Rodney Bowman, Jr.

Paternal grandparents Sue and Chuck Musgrave of Syracuse were accidentally omitted from the obituary of Rodney Bowman, Jr., that was published in the March 3 issue of the Advance-Leader. We apologize for the error.

The following obituary should have appeared in last week's paper, and we apologize for the ommission.

Michelle Wagers

EDWARDSBURG, Mich. — Word has been received that Michelle Denise Wagers, 46, of Edwardsburg, Mich., died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at 8:04 a.m. in Elkhart General Hospital following a sudden illness.

She was an 11-year employee of Paul's Electronics, Elkhart, until its closing in 2000. She most recently worked in the meat department at Wal-Mart on C.R. 6, Elkhart. She enjoyed homemaking and “old-school” rock ’n’ roll music

She was born July 27, 1958, in Kendallville to Clifford and Patricia (Kauffman) Bowers.

On April 20, 1996, she married John M. Wagers in Union, Mich.

She is survived by two daughters, Lori B. Stoltz of Elkhart and Brandy Stoltz of Edwardsburg, Mich.; a son, Tommy Stoltz of Topeka; a sister and brother-in-law, Vicki and Dennis Butler of Ligonier; her father; five grandchildren and one stepgrandchild.

She was preceded in death by her mother and a brother, Craig Bowers.

Services were held at Billings Funeral Home in Elkhart, with the Rev. Keith McFarren of Faith United Methodist Church, South Bend, officiating.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Michelle D. Wagers memorial fund, care of Billings Funeral Home, Elkhart.

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Richard Replogle

LIGONIER — Richard D. Replogle, 56, of Ligonier died at 8:20 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Replogle had been an aircraft mechanic with the U.S. Air Force. He had served in the Air Force for 14 years.

He was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans.

Mr. Replogle was a member of Sparta Church of Christ.

Mr. Replogle enjoyed fishing, assembling model planes and repairing watches and small engines.

He was born Nov. 4, 1948, in Wolf Lake to Robert and Lois (Gorsuch) Replogle. They survive in Kimmell.

Also surviving are two daughters, Wendy Burt of Ligonier and Rachel Hewitt of Abilene, Texas; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Daniel and Jean Ann Replogle of Kendallville, Chuck and Vicki Replogle of Kimmell and Bobby J. and Luann Replogle of Topeka; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cindi and Mike Halsey of Kimmell and Wendy and Dave Smith of Ligonier; and five grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, March 5, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the West Noble American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier..

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Elizabeth Arnold

CHURUBUSCO — Elizabeth "Betty" Arnold, 82, of rural Allen County died at 1:50 a.m. Thursday, March 10, 2005, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Arnold

Mrs. Arnold had been employed for 10 years at C & C Packing Co. Inc. in Fort Wayne, retiring from there in 1973.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Arnold was a 1941 graduate of Huntertown High School and will be remembered as a loving mother and grandmother.

She was born Jan. 31, 1923, in Allen County to Harry J. and Marie (Tate) Pulver. On Feb. 15, 1944, in Savannah, Ga., she married James Sidney "Sid" Arnold. He died Feb. 15, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Philip Hartzog of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Mary Lou Arnold of Huntertown; three sisters, Kathryn Rudolph, Genevieve Warner and Phyllis Fitch, all of Huntertown; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Virginia Pulver of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, with Father Joe Gaughan officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the church and one hour prior to services Saturday. A wake service is at 6 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Masses or the Visiting Nurse Service Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Herbert Slone

KENDALLVILLE — Herbert Slone, 80, of Kendallville died at 2 a.m. Thursday, March 10, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Slone had been in failing health. He had moved to the area in 1966 from Kentucky.

He had retired from Cooper Tire & Rubber after 22 years of service.

Mr. Slone was a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church where he enjoyed church activities.

He was born Sept. 13, 1924, in Floyd County, Ky., to Monroe and Nannie (Mosley) Slone. On April 4, 1946, in Floyd County he married Daisy Chaffins. She died Sept. 17, 1998.

Surviving are a son, Lewie Slone, and his companion, Marlene Martin, of Kendallville; two daughters, Elvita Mullins of Ligonier and Carolyn Hicks of Kendallville; two sisters, Armanda Jordan of Toledo, Ohio, and Hester Manns of Knox, Ind.; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church with Elder Russell Hicks and Elder Morris Wicker officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today at the church with an evening service at 6 p.m.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

Genievie Armstead

FORT WAYNE — Genievie A. Armstead, 75, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Armstead

Mrs. Armstead was a homemaker and had lived in Fort Wayne since 1965. She had lived in West Virginia prior to moving to Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 15, 1930, in Houston, W.Va., to Arthur and Zella (Brown) Hudnall. She married George C. Armstead. He died April 20, 1974.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Arthur and Debbie Armstead, Terry Armstead and Jeffery Armstead, all of Fort Wayne; six daughters and three sons-in-law, Theda and Mike Eiffred of Albion, Pam Biesiada and Velma and Don Johnson, all of Churubusco, and Anita and Robert Shaw, Valerie Barrett, Hazel Armstead, and Kathy Langston, all of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Bud and Glada Hudnall of Beckley, W.Va.; two sisters, Helen Willett of Bremen and Dimple Lanham of West Virginia; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bohn Chapel in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Ima Lou Oswalt

BROOKVILLE, Ohio — Ima Lou Oswalt, 86, of Brookville died Monday, March 7, 2005, at Brookhaven Nursing & Care Center.

She was a member of the Salem Church of the Brethren.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Doneta Oswalt of Auburn, Ind.; a daughter, Suzanne Altenburg of Rochelle, Ill; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loyd "Doc" Oswalt, and two brothers, Robert and Donald (James) Flory.

Services were Wednesday at Salem Church of the Brethren in Phillipsburg, Ohio. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery at Clayton, Ohio. Gilbert-Fellers Funeral Home of Brookville handled arrangements.

Memorials are to the Salem Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be left online at www.gilbert-fellers.com.

Florine Myers

AUBURN — Florine Deloris Myers, 80, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 9, 2005.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters in Auburn and volunteered at the Red Cross Center in Fort Wayne for several years.

She was born March 14, 1924, in Auburn to Earl W. and Birdie (Ruhl) Glass. They preceded her in death.

On Nov. 26, 1958, in Auburn she married Milton James Myers. He survives.

Also surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Greenfield of Auburn and Shirley and James Mettert of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Donley, in 1943.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Larry Weller will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be today from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross.

Francis Ernst Jr.

JACKSON, Mich. — Francis A. "Skip" Ernst Jr., 48, of Jackson died Thursday, March 10, 2005, from cancer.

Mr. Ernst had been an executive at Consumers Energy for 27 years.

He was the son of Dorothy J. Ernst of Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of Kendallville, and the late Francis "Frank" Ernst, former owners of Taylor Shoe Store in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his wife, Karen Hasbargen Ernst; three sons, Steven, Robert and Timothy; two brothers, Michael and Richard; and two sisters, Debra Roberts and Mary Kuipers.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, David.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. James Lutheran Church, 4425 S. Jackson Road, Jackson. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Coldwater.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Watson Funeral Chapel, 2590 Spring Arbor Road, Jackson.

Memorials are to Great Lakes Hospice of Jackson or to St. James Lutheran Church.

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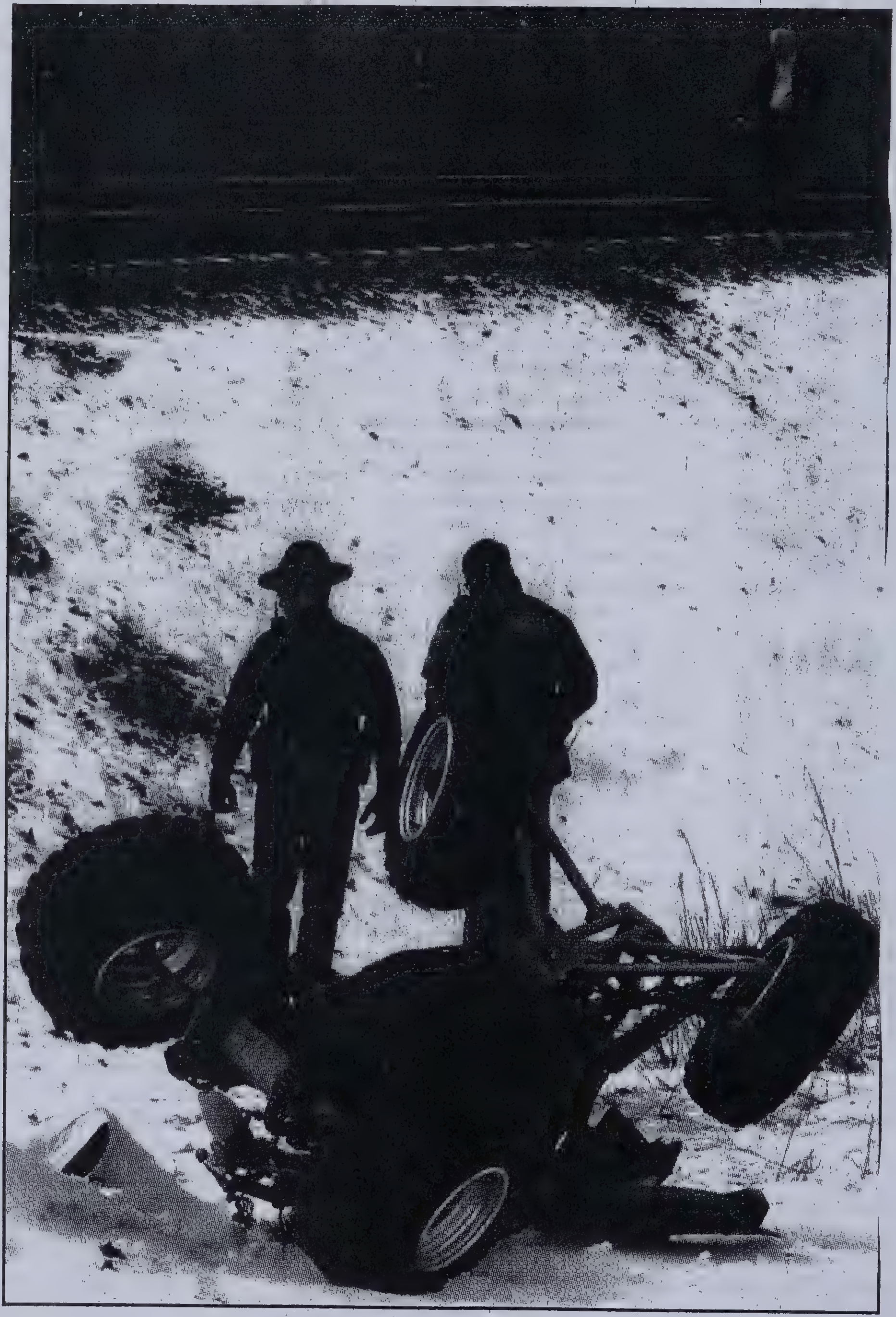
Fatal ATV-Train Crash



BOB BUTTGEN

Marc Leatherman of the Indiana State Police, at left in the foreground, Terry Waikel of the Noble County Sheriff's Department, right foreground, and Deputy Dean Gillespie, background, investigate the scene of an ATV-train wreck near C.R. 500W in Noble County Friday. The rider of the ATV, Monty J. Gard, 42, of Ligonier was pronounced dead at the scene.

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ATV rider killed by train near Kimmell

BY BILL GISEL
billg@kpcnews.net

KIMMELL — Indiana State Police said a pleasure ride turned deadly for a Ligonier man whose all-terrain vehicle was struck by a CSX freight train engine at 11:37 a.m. Friday.

Dead at the scene along the CSX tracks near C.R. 500W was Monty J. Gard, 42. He died of blunt force trauma, according to Trooper Marc Leatherman in a press release.

Leatherman said Gard was operating a 2000 Yamaha 660 Raptor and traveling east along the railroad tracks. An eastbound, 50-car CSX freight train traveling at about 60 mph struck the rear of the ATV, throwing the vehicle into a 15-foot culvert.

Gard was outside the tracks, but too close to the rails, Leatherman said.

Leatherman noted that railroad property is private, and should not be traveled by any means.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Richard W. Tieman** were at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jeff Shultz, Steven J. Tieman, Jim Huff, Ben Rollins, Christopher Tieman and Benjamin Rollins.

WATERLOO — Funeral services for **Larry Myers** were at 11 a.m. Friday at Freewill Baptist Church, the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial was at Sweet Cemetery. Pallbearers were Tom Myers, Ben Myers, Joe Myers, Ricky Myers, Terry Myers, Jerry Myers and Garry Myers. Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **George Grate** were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial was in Fairfield Center Cemetery. Pallbearers were Brent Grate, Jay Grate, Tyler Anthony, Lance Anthony, Dan Hart, Scott Teders, Steven Teders, Chad Teders, Brad Gehring and Austin Grate.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **William R. Spitznaugle** were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Fernandes officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

AVILLA — Funeral services for **Kara Lynne Croy** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with the Rev. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Pallbearers were Josh Croy, Andrew Croy, Branden Croy, Dustin Wilcox, Jace Wilcox and Steven Oesch. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Lillian Marilyn Wappes** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with Brian DeCamp officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Tyler Bherns, Ed Wiseman, Andy Sherman, Mike Goings, Lawney Francis, Chris Galloway, Scott Peter, Beau Orr and Zachary Ellenwood.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to correct an error from the funeral home.*

Genievie Armstead

FORT WAYNE — Genievie A. Armstead, 75, of Fort Wayne died early Thursday, March 10, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Armstead

Mrs. Armstead was a homemaker and had lived in Fort Wayne since 1965. She had lived in West Virginia prior to moving to Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 15, 1930, in Houston, W.Va., to Arthur and Zella (Brown) Hudnall. She married George C. Armstead. He died April 20, 1974.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Arthur and Debbie Armstead, Terry Armstead and Jeffery Armstead, all of Fort Wayne; six daughters and three sons-in-law, Theda and Mike Eiffred of Albion, Pam Biesiada and Velma and Don Johnson, all of Churubusco, and Anita and Robert Shaw, Valerie Barrett, Hazel Armstead, and Kathy Langston, all of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Bud and Glada Hudnall of Beckley, W.Va.; two sisters, Helen Willett of Bremen and Dimple Lanham of West Virginia; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bohn Chapel in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Helen Lepley

ASHLEY — Helen D. Lepley, 85, of Ashley died Friday, March 11, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lepley was a homemaker and worked at Carlin Park Nursing Home in Angola for 15 years.

She was a member of the Ashley United Methodist Church and the Ashley-Hudson United Methodist Women.

She was born Jan. 21, 1920, in Toledo, Ohio, to Marshal and Hazel (Hamet) Sharpe. They preceded her in death.

She married DeWayne "Deke" Lepley on Oct. 21, 1945, in Bryan, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Anna Lepley of Ashley; three daughters, Elizabeth Farver of Butler, Pam Kolczynski of Butler and Alice Lepley of Ashley; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Cheryl and Lester Tatro, Andrea and David Groble, Emily and Corey Troubaugh, Joseph "Joey" Lepley, Susan Farver, Michael and Shelly Martin, Steve Martin and Amy and Bill Engler; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Sharpe, and two grandchildren, David Martin and Jason Lee Lepley.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Becky Brault officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery of Hudson.

Calling will be Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ashley United Methodist Church or the DeKalb County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Deloris Gordon

COLUMBIA CITY — Deloris Gloria May Gordon, 67, of rural Columbia City died at noon Thursday, March 10, 2005, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Gordon

She was born March 18, 1937, in Muskingum County, Ohio, to Ralph and Catherine (Ritenhouse) Foust. She spent her formative years in Ohio and Florida.

On May 4, 1964, she married David L. Gordon in Phoenix, Ariz. They lived in Arizona, New Mexico and California and moved to Whitley County in 1965.

Surviving are her husband; three children, Anita Williams of Ashland, Ohio, David Mark Gordon of Columbia City and Lawrence Gordon of Indianapolis; her adoptive mother, Clydie Allison of Hope, Ark.; two brothers, Donald Allison of Greenville, Texas, and Ronald Allison of Wooster, Ohio; three sisters, Bonnie White of Mayer, Ariz., Donna Goegel of Philo, Ohio, and Irene Harding of Mansfield, Ohio; two half-brothers, Raymond Fluharty of Zanesville, Ohio, and George Hamilton of Canal Fulton, Ohio; four grandchildren, Jason (Kelli) Lane, Jasmen Gordon, Starcie Gordon and Joshua Gordon; and two great-grandchildren, Brittany Lane and Chandler Lane.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and one sister, Merril Murray.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Paul D. White, pastor of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery of rural Churubusco.

Ruth Brown

AUBURN — Ruth Bernice Brown, 88, of Auburn, died Friday, March 11, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Brown was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

She was born Dec. 27, 1916, in Delavan, Ill., to Elvan B. and Iva (Williams) Harvey. They preceded her in death.

She married Lester Brown on Dec. 1, 1935, in Fairburry, Ill. He died Nov. 10, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters, Alyce Uguccioni of Brooklyn, Mich., and Diane Brown of Nashville, Tenn.; four sons, Duane Brown of Columbia City, Ronald Brown of South Whitley, Danny Brown of Auburn and David Brown of Butler; 18 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Dean and Dale Brown, a grandson, Douglas Brown, four brothers, Paul, Leonard, Glenn and Ralph Harvey, and four sisters, Pernie Butler, Claire Weerts, Mary Holdsclaw and Esther Harvey.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday and from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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Caring nurse touched many lives

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Evelyn George as a young woman

Evelyn Elizabeth George, known to many as "Little Evelyn" or "Dr. Evelyn," touched hundreds — some would argue thousands — of lives during more than half a century as an aide and assistant to Dr. Fox, D.D.S., Dr. Harlan V. Hippensteel Jr., M.D., and Dr. Mark Souder, M.D.

She never married or had children of her own, but throughout her life George served as a mother, friend, adviser and confidante to three generations of people who came to know and love her. George's integrity, empathy and love of mankind knew no bounds. She was small in stature — barely 5 feet tall — but big in heart.

George started work during World War II as a secretary at International Harvester. She joined the Fox dental office in Auburn during the early 1950s, then moved on to work alongside Dr. Hippensteel, where she stayed for more than 50 years.

Hippensteel trained George in routine medical procedures and pharmacology. Intelligent and observant, George quickly became a favorite source for people seeking medical treatment and advice.

"Dr. Hippensteel once told me that Aunt Evelyn knew as much as he did," remembers George's nephew, Steven "Stevie G" Roberts. "He said he trusted her completely."

When Hippensteel died in March 2003, George found herself without a job for the first time in her life.

Her close friend, Phyllis Poff, an attorney in Auburn, recalls that George went to the unemployment office to file for compensation.

"She was the oldest employee they had seen who had lost her job. Evelyn said she told them she had been working for the doctor for 50 years," Poff said with a laugh. "The unemployment people didn't know what to do with her."

George barely had time to collect unemployment — she soon was offered another job, this time working in the office of Dr. Mark Souder in Grabill.

George continued to work up until the day she had a stroke on Dec. 10, 2004. She died a month later on Jan. 11, 2005. She was 81 years old.

"She never missed a day of work," said Ellen (Hippensteel) Hefty, Dr. Hippensteel's daughter and a nurse who worked alongside George in her father's office for many years. "She was never late and, in the beginning, would work from early morning until 8 or 9 at night. She was always impeccably dressed in crisp, white uniforms with spotless white shoes."

Jane Ann George, George's niece, also remembers how her aunt worked late but still found time to care for and spend time with her extended family.

"I was just a little girl and Aunt Evelyn was like a mother to all of us (nieces and nephews). I would call and call, waiting for her to get home and then beg her to come and visit," said Jane Ann. "Many times she would get home from work late in the evening, put on her pajamas and drive out and visit with us."

From beginning to end, Evelyn George was a caretaker. Her mother, Blanche (Grogg) George, died when Evelyn was just 9 years old. George's father, Walter George, was a Navy man, out to sea and absent from the home much of the time. He too, died young, leaving Evelyn to help care for her siblings, Jim and Ginnie.

Many years later, when George's sister became ill with cancer, George moved Ginnie into her home on Fourth Street in Auburn. George would go home from work at noon to check on Ginnie, fix her lunch and tend to her medical needs.

George doted on her family, taking nieces and nephews on vacations and to museums and amusement parks, where Jane Ann remembers, "She insisted on riding all the rides."

George never wavered in offering her nieces, nephews, siblings and other members of the family financial and emotional support throughout their lifetimes. And George was just as caring and compassionately involved with her friends' and patients' lives.

Whenever she could find spare time, George loved to read and travel. She took several trips, including one to Europe with Poff. They first met when Poff had a law office in the same building as Dr. Fox. Both were single, working women and they instantly hit it off.

"We began going out to eat together, and I would take her to my family's house for dinner. She became another member of my family. It was rare to have a family get-together that did not include Evelyn," said Poff.

"She was just a wonderful person. I never heard her say a bad word about anyone," said Poff.

George had a ready laugh, a sharp mind, honest humility and overwhelming compassion for humanity. In the 16 years Hefty worked at George's side, she never heard George say a single curse word or make a vulgar remark.

"She made this world a better and more friendly place for all," said nephew Mike Roberts.

Another nephew, Stevie Roberts agreed. "She was the glue that held our family together," he said. One of his earliest memories of his Aunt Evelyn is when he was 4 years old and his younger brother, Mark, who was 22 months old, died.

"My mom and dad were in hysterics. I have a very clear picture of Aunt Evelyn coming into the bedroom to comfort us surviving youngsters," he said.

"For a slightly built woman, she sure had huge shoulders."

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Sarah Hersh

DECATUR — Sarah "Elizabeth" Hersh, 103, of Decatur died Friday, March 11, 2005, at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Butler. She also attended First Presbyterian Church in Decatur.

Mrs. Hersh served as a Girl Scout leader for the GSA service team and day camp as well as a trainer for the Limberlost Council. She was bloodmobile chairman for the O.E.S. Chapter in Butler; past president of Social Ray, Shakespeare Club, past president of Forty & 8, and past president parley, American Red Cross. She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club, Hospital Auxiliary, Allen County Democrats and American Legion Post No. 43 Auxiliary.

Mrs. Hersh was born in Kansas City, Mo., on Aug. 5, 1901, to Walter and Ellen (Willock) Mondhank.

She married Robert Clinton Hersh on Sept. 29, 1929. He preceded her in death in 1960. Also preceding her in death was a brother.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Ebbie and Karl Kolter of Decatur; two grandchildren, Michael Kolter and Sharon Doty, both of Decatur; a nephew, Richard W. Mondhank of Fort Wayne; three great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson and nine stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, 225 W. Adams St. in Decatur, with the Rev. Laura Sherwood officiating. Burial will be at Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and one hour before the funeral.

Memorials to the 1st Presbyterian Church in Decatur and to the Limberlost Girl Scouts.

Lawrence D. Randall

ANGOLA — Lawrence D. Randall, 59, of Angola died Friday, March 11, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He and his wife owned Throop Florist in Angola. He was a graduate of Hillsdale High School in Michigan and Western Michigan University. He served in Vietnam as a member of the U.S. Air Force. He was a plant controller at Hillsdale Tool in Hillsdale and Hamilton, Ind. He attended Pleasantville Church of Christ in Angola.

He was born in Hillsdale, Mich., on May 16, 1945, to Lawrence M. and Delma (Hinkle) Randall. They preceded him in death. He married Deanna Smith on June 15, 1974. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Lisa George of Wayne, N.J., and Christopher and Patty George of Pompton Lake, N.J.; a brother, Douglas Randall of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a sister, Dena Morrison of Osseo, Mich.; and five grandchildren, Trevor, Zachary, Kayleigh, Derek and Matthew.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Pleasantview Church of Christ in Angola. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Jefferson township in Hillsdale, Mich.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with the Rev. David Poole officiating.

Memorials to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.

Freeman Schrock

LAGRANGE — Freeman A. Schrock, 82, of LaGrange died Thursday, March 10, 2005, in Burr Oak, Mich.

He was a retired farmer and truck driver and most recently was owner of Freeman Schrock Custom Sawing & Kiln Dry Lumber of Burr Oak, Mich. He lived in St. Joseph County, Mich. from 1950 through 1994.

He was born in LaGrange County on May 24, 1922, to Andrew I. and Lillie (Shrock) Schrock.

He married Mildred P. Burkey on May 17, 1942. She preceded him in death in 1996.

Also preceding him in death were a sister, Nedra Francis, and three brothers, Orlie, Marion and Harley Schrock.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jerry Stephenson of Zanesville; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald P. and Betty Schrock of Sturgis, Mich.; three brothers, Rollin Schrock of Howe, Fred Schrock of Wolcottville and Frank Schrock of LaGrange; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Emma Mennonite Church in Emma, with the Rev. Gene Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Shore Cemetery in Shipshewanna.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Emma Mennonite Church. Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials to Emma Mennonite Church or Menno-Clinic.

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Roger Criswell

ROME CITY — Roger Neil Criswell, 55, of Rome City died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at 11:20 a.m. at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Mr. Criswell had been ill since May 2004.

He was a lifetime area resident and was employed as a maintenance supervisor at Busche Enterprise. Prior to that he was employed at Dexter.

He served in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam veteran.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and the Fishing Club of Rome City.

He was born in Kendallville on March 2, 1950, to Richard and Mary (Friskney) Criswell. His father preceded him in death. His mother and her husband, Lee Baldwin of Zephyr Hills, Fla., survive.

He married Teresa Glass on Feb. 14, 2002. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Brittany Criswell, a student at IU in Bloomington, Brenay Lynn Criswell of Rome City and Brandy and Cris Christianson of Kendallville; three stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Christy and B.J. Foltz of Paulding, Ohio, Janell and Pete Bradford of Payne, Ohio, and Jaclyn and Josh Spears of Defiance, Ohio; a brother, Randy Criswell of Rome City; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Lynn and Jerry Johnson of Albion, Brenda and Barry Steffe of Ligonier and Denise Ferrier of Mich.; and seven grandchildren, Titus Christianson, George Clemens IV; Justice Christianson; Dakota Bradford, Danielle Foltz, Alyssia Foltz and Alexis Foltz.

There will be a service of remembrance on Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. The Rev. Chris Mosley of Grace Christian Church of Kendallville will officiate.

A gathering of friends will be held Tuesday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Virginia Ranney

KENDALLVILLE — Virginia Ranney, 81, of Kendallville died Friday, March 11, 2005, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

She was a homemaker, a Jehovah Witness and a member of the Auburn Kingdom Hall.

She was born in Marshall, Mich., on July 16, 1923, to William H. and Stella (Myers) Mohr. She married Carl Lee George Ranney, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were a son, Anthony Ranney, three brothers and five sisters.

Surviving are three sisters, her son and daughter-in-law, Jerry L. and Shari Ranney of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela S. and Brian Laughlin of Topeka, and close friends of the family, Gene Sr. and Lois Hall. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Scott Ranney, David Ranney, Jenny Ranney, Brian Ranney and Tim Ranney; and one great-granddaughter, Isabella Ranney.

Services will be Tuesday at noon at Feller Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jim Charles officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Thank you everyone for the many prayers and deeds of kindness at the time of illness and death of our loved one.

God Bless You All

A Sincere Thank You From the Family of

Colleen Hartman

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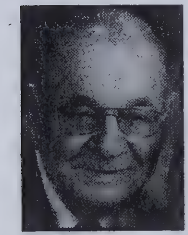
Cecil D. Heffner

ELKHART — Cecil D. Heffner, 86, of Elkhart died at 5:35 a.m. Friday, March 11, 2005, in the emergency room of Elkhart General Hospital.

Mr. Heffner retired from Crosbie Foundry in 1984 after working there for 19 years. Prior to that he worked for Routson Foundry for 19 years.



Mr. Heffner

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during World War II. He was a member of D.A.V. No. 19 of Elkhart, V.F.W. No. 985 of Goshen, American Legion of Osceola, and St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church. He served as a volunteer at Harvest Basket and enjoyed gardening.

He was born in Charlotte, Mich., on Jan. 17, 1919, to David and Hazel (Blanck) Heffner. He married Phyllis V. Lash on July 24, 1943, in Avilla. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mary Lou Greensly of Paw Paw, Mich.; three daughters and sons-in-law: Sandra and Donald Verhoff of Oshgosh, Wisc., Barbara and Michael Kavas of Elkhart; and Cynthia and Richard Ziemba of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Elaine Heffner of Greencastle, Pa.; a sister, Maxine Allison of Wingate of North Carolina; and 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, Elkhart. A military graveside service by V.F.W. No. 985 will follow with burial at St. Vincent's Cemetery. A vigil service will be held at 6 p.m. today at Westbrook-Metz & Clouse Funeral Home, 1129 Prairie St.. Elkhart.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church.

James Roy Honaker

ALBION — James Roy Honaker, 75, of Albion died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at his home.

He was a lifetime area resident and farmed when he was young. He was later employed by B & O Railroad, Dana Corp. and was a superintendent at Transagram Midwest Inc. He was an 18-year representative of the U.A.W. and was owner/operator of Sycamore Palle in Corunna for 25 years.

Her served in the Navy Air Corps and was a World War II veteran.

He was born in Royalton, Ky., on Jan. 21, 1930, to Roy and Anna (Lewis) Honaker. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives. He was also preceded in death by a son, Mike Honaker, who died on July 13, 2001.

Also surviving are a companion, Mary Prucinsky of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, James D. and Angie Honaker of Thompkinsville, Ky., and Timothy R. and Sharon Honaker of Glenview, Ill.; a daughter, Julia Clare Honaker of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Janelle Ann and Steve Graber of Auburn; a brother, Keith Honaker of Wolcottville; a sister, Barbara Barnes of Wolcottville; nine grandchildren: Michelle Krock, Chad Honaker, Zach Honaker, Kevin Honaker, Brian Honaker, Daniel Graber, Rebekah Graber, Todd Honaker, and Tara Honaker; as well as eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Wolcottville United Methodist Church in Wolcottville. The Rev. Jack Thomas, the Rev. Carldean Merrifield and the Rev. Robin LaRue will officiate. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be Monday from 2:30 to 7 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home on S.R. 9 in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne or the American Cancer Society.

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Allen Driscoll

WAWAKA — Allen Wayne Driscoll, 75, of Wawaka died at 4:38 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Driscoll

Mr. Driscoll had been employed by the U.S. Postal Service in the Albion office where he retired as a clerk after 15 years of service.

He had moved to this area in 1971 from Carmel.

Mr. Driscoll was a 1948 graduate of New Haven High School and at age 62 received a bachelor's degree from Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne.

He conducted a creative writers group in Kendallville and was the author of eight books.

He was a member of Albion American Legion Post 242 and the DAV.

Mr. Driscoll served in the U.S. Navy from 1948 to 1960 as a warrants officer. He enjoyed hunting, trapping and turtle fishing.

He was born Feb. 5, 1930, in Woodburn to Andrew Melville "Mel" and Linnie (Deweese) Driscoll. On Oct. 2, 1954, at the Auburn Catholic Church, he married Velma Voirol. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Patrick Driscoll of Wawaka and Michael Driscoll of Albion; a daughter, Jennifer Driscoll of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Florence Paxton and Bonnie Austin; a brother, Marion Driscoll of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren, Danielle, Jerry, Amber, Tasha, Amanda and Kyle Driscoll.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jerrauld Driscoll on Feb. 28, 1986; a daughter-in-law, Reba Driscoll; a brother, Arthur Driscoll; and seven sisters, Maude Dager, Ethel Weikart, Hazel Amspaugh, Helen Hattendorf, Madeline Driscoll, Cecil Driscoll and Mildred Bade.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Private burial services will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Councils on Aging of Noble or LaGrange counties.

Eva Mowry

PLEASANT LAKE — Eva Lucille Mowry, 75, of Pleasant Lake died Sunday, March 13, 2005, at home.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Gaylord Turner

ORLAND — Gaylord E. Turner, 84, of Orland died Sunday, March 13, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Samuel Raney

VERSAILLES — Samuel M. Raney, 99, of Versailles died Thursday, March 10, 2005, at the Manderly Health Care Center in Osgood.

Mr. Raney was born in the Tanglewood community near Versailles on Dec. 22, 1905, to Robert Newton and Mary Alice (Jackson) Raney. He was married to Emma Melba Robertson on June 22, 1929, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 4, 1994.

He was a 1923 graduate of Versailles High School and graduated from the Fort Wayne School of Business. He was a 35-year employee of Coca-Cola, where he managed a distribution center in Angola and was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Tanglewood Baptist Church and a member and past commander of the Versailles American Legion.

He was a 70-year member of the Masonic Lodge, having belonged in Angola, and was currently a member of the Versailles lodge.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Robert Galyean of Richmond, Doris and August "Bud" Kurtz of Angola and Barbara and William Kemp of Osgood; 15 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his son Carl; four brothers, Glen, Floyd, Jack, and Hershel Raney; and five sisters, Ethel Sheets, Edith Raney, Agnes Richmond, and Madaline Moody.

Services were Sunday at Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles, with the Rev. Becky Pohle of the Tanglewood Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in Tanglewood Cemetery in Versailles.

Memorials are to the Versailles Masonic Lodge.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors.*

James Roy Honaker

ALBION — James Roy Honaker, 75, of Albion died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at his home.

He was a lifetime area resident and moved to Albion from Wolcottville.

Mr. Honaker had farmed when he was young. He was later employed by the B&O Railroad and Dana Corp., and was a superintendent at Transagram Midwest Inc. He was an 18-year representative of the U.A.W. and was owner/operator of Sycamore Pallets in Corunna for 25 years.

He served in the Navy Air Corps and was a World War II veteran.

He was born in Royalton, Ky., on Jan. 21, 1930, to Roy and Anna (Lewis) Honaker. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a companion, Mary Prucinsky of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, James D. and Angie Honaker of Thompkinsville, Ky., and Timothy R. and Sharon Honaker of Glenview, Ill.; a daughter, Julia Clare Honaker of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Janelle Ann and Steve Graber of Auburn; a brother, Keith Honaker of Wolcottville; a sister, Barbara Barnes of Wolcottville; nine grandchildren, Michelle Krock, Chad Honaker, Zach Honaker, Kevin Honaker, Brian Honaker, Daniel Graber, Rebekah Graber, Todd Honaker and Tara Honaker; as well as eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Mike Honaker, who died on July 13, 2001, and a brother, Robert "Bob" Honaker, who died Sept. 16, 2000.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Wolcottville United Methodist Church in Wolcottville. The Rev. Jack Thomas, the Rev. Carldean Merrifield and the Rev. Robin LaRue will officiate. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2:30 to 7 p.m. today at Hutchins Funeral Home on S.R. 9 in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne or the American Cancer Society.

Gerald Gochenaur

HOWE — Gerald F. Gochenaur, 83, of Howe died at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, March 13, 2005, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Gochenaur was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and wintered in Sarasota, Fla.

He was a farmer and drove a school bus at Brighton School.

He was a member of Brighton Chapel where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He had served on the REMC Board of Directors for more than 15 years.

Mr. Gochenaur was born June 2, 1921, in Greenfield Township, LaGrange County, to Frank and Grace (Feller) Gochenaur. On Sept. 6, 1941, in LaGrange County, he married M. Marilyn Walters. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Carolyn Gochenaur of Howe, Jack and Dianna Gochenaur of Columbia City and Jon and Connie Gochenaur of Granger; a brother, Paul Gochenaur of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Gochenaur.

Services will be at 10 a.m Wednesday at Brighton Chapel with the Rev. Jeremy Helmuth officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brighton Chapel.

Memorials are to Brighton Chapel.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Monty Gard

KIMMELL — Monty J. Gard, 42, of Kimmell died Friday, March 11, 2005.

Mr. Gard was a lifelong Noble County resident. He was a 1981 graduate of West Noble High School where he played baseball and football.

He enjoyed working on motor vehicles and driving them. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his nieces and nephews.

He was born Nov. 16, 1962, in Kimmell to Leonard and Betty (Denton) Gard. They are deceased.

Surviving are a grandmother, Doris Gard of Ligonier; a daughter, Tiffany Marsh of Albion; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Delmer Gard of Ligonier, Trevor Gard and his companion, Vonda Thorsnberry, of Cromwell, and Chad and Wendy Gard of Jackson, Wis.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Deborah Dills of Ligonier and Rebecca and John Stump of Kimmell; three nieces; and four nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a nephew, Justin E. Gard.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Rachel Bales-Case of Kimmell United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Bob Walton

GARRETT — Bob Walton, 76, of Garrett died Monday, March 14, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Walton

Born in Warsaw, Mr. Walton was a math teacher at Leo High School for 23 years, retiring in 1988. He also taught physical education and coaching at Manchester College.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the National Education Association and the Indiana State Teachers Association. He was a member, elder, deacon and past treasurer of St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

He married his wife of 50 years, Rosemary Walton, on Dec. 27, 1954, in Kansas City, Mo. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Sherry Walton of Leo and Steve and Lynn Walton of Tucson, Ariz.; a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Sam LaTurner of Avilla; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Boyd and Leone (Miller) Walton; a grandson, Steven Zachary Walton; and two brothers, Norman and James.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 316 W. Fourth St., Auburn. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church or DeKalb County Hospice.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Eva Mowry

PLEASANT LAKE — Eva Lucille Mowry, 75, of Pleasant Lake died Sunday, March 13, 2005, in Pleasant Lake.

Mrs. Mowry

Mrs. Mowry was born in Angola on Aug. 22, 1929 to Daniel McKinley and Besse Marie (DeLong) Goings. She married Argyl Dale "George" Mowry on Oct. 30, 1947, and he survives.

She was a retired restaurant owner. She enjoyed cooking and playing dice games.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Virginia Adkins of Owasso, Mich., Pam and Thomas "Don" Barnett of Tupelo, Miss., and Robin and Bryan Leland of Pleasant Lake; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ed and Sharon McMillen of Angola and Dale Mowry of Pleasant Lake; two brothers, Dean Goings of Angola and Sam Goings of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Margarette Holiday of Angola; 15 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Mary Jane Griffith

HAMILTON — Mary Jane Griffith, 87, of Hamilton died Sunday, March 13, 2005, at the home of her daughter.

Mrs. Griffith was a homemaker and a loving and caring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She attended Lakeview Community Church.

She was born May 9, 1917, in Hamilton to Fred and Ethel (Oberlin) Hanes. They preceded her in death.

She married Don Griffith in 1935. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Karen Griffith of Pleasant Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Karyl and Randall Amstutz of Hamilton; seven grandchildren, Stephan Locke of Richmond, Ky., Babette (Griffith) Little of Lake Winnebago, Mo., Susan Griffith of Hamilton, Dwight Griffith of Angola, Keira Amstutz of Indianapolis, Kandy Amstutz O'Connor of Chicago and Kristen (Amstutz) Richards of Indianapolis; five great-grandchildren; and her dedicated caregiver, Gail Bartlett.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Marianne Locke, two brothers, Robert and Charles Hanes, and a sister, Betty Collins.

A celebration of life service will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home and Crematory in Hamilton with the Rev. Jess Jessup officiating. Burial will be in the Hamilton Cemetery.

A luncheon for family and friends will follow at the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be posted online at www.oberlin-ford.com.

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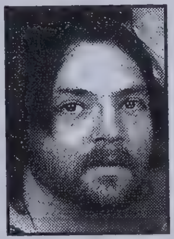
Daniel Halsey Sr.

CROMWELL — Daniel Lee Halsey Sr., 51, of rural Cromwell died Sunday, March 13, 2005, at his residence.



Mr. Halsey

He was a lifelong Noble County resident.

On Nov. 10, 1953, in Elkhart, he was born to Warren Halsey Sr. and Patty (Salmon) Halsey Emerick. His mother survives, but his father preceded him in death.

He had been employed in manufacturing. Mr. Halsey was an avid bowler who had bowled a 290 game in Syracuse, and he enjoyed fishing, golfing and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Surviving in addition to his mother are a son, Daniel Lee Halsey Jr. of Cromwell; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Shawna and Ben Arnold of Ligonier, and Sheila and Kenny Nesmith and Shelby Chaffins, all of Cromwell; a brother, Warren "Butch" Halsey of Ligonier; two stepbrothers, Gary Emerick of Fort Wayne, and Dennis Emerick of San Francisco, Calif.; a sister, Marsha Thompson of Cromwell; two stepsisters, Judy Courtney of Winter Springs, Fla., and Kathy Lonski of Seattle, Wash.; and seven grandchildren, Kaylee Halsey, Jaiden and Tyler Nesmith, and Talena, Joseph, Brad and Ryan Chaffins.

His stepfather, Russell Emerick, also preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ligonier United Methodist Church Crosswalk, Ligonier, with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating.

Calling will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Crosswalk.

Memorials are to the Saturday Morning YABA c/o Wawasee Bowl in Syracuse.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Gaylord Turner

ORLAND — Gaylord E. Turner, 84, of Orland died Sunday, March 13, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Turner was born Sept. 26, 1920, in Fort Wayne to Gordon S. and Elaine (McArthur) Turner. He was married to Alberta L. "Betty" Napier on March 17, 1999, and she survives.

He retired as a lineman for Northern Indiana Public Service Co. on May 31, 1982.

He was a 1939 graduate of North Side High School in Fort Wayne, where he was a member of the football team. He was a World War II Navy veteran, and a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

His hobbies included fishing, splitting wood, canoeing, horseback riding and being outdoors. He also enjoyed sports.

Also surviving are a daughter, Cassandra Wells of LaGrange; two grandsons, Travis Wells and Wayne Wells III; two great-grandsons, Austin "Hooty" Wells and Wayne Wells IV; a brother, Gordon "Gordy" Turner Jr. of Columbia City; a sister, Carolee Wolfe of Florida; two nieces and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter and his first wife, Betty E. Turner.

Services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Gerald Gochenaur

HOWE — Gerald F. Gochenaur, 83, of Howe died at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, March 13, 2005, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Gochenaur was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and wintered in Sarasota, Fla.

He was a farmer and drove a school bus at Brighton School.

He was a member of Brighton Chapel where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He had served on the REMC Board of Directors for more than 15 years.

Mr. Gochenaur was born June 2, 1921, in Greenfield Township, LaGrange County, to Frank and Grace (Feller) Gochenaur. On Sept. 6, 1941, in LaGrange County, he married M. Marilyn Walters. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Carolyn Gochenaur of Howe, Jack and Dianna Gochenaur of Columbia City and Jon and Connie Gochenaur of Granger; a brother, Paul Gochenaur of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Gochenaur.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brighton Chapel with the Rev. Jeremy Helmuth officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at Brighton Chapel.

Memorials are to Brighton Chapel.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Runion

GARRETT — Helen L. Runion, 98, formerly of Garrett died Monday, March 14, 2005, at 4:45 a.m. at the Towne House Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Runion was a long-distance teletype operator with Bell Telephone in Fort Wayne for 21 years before retiring in 1964.

She was a lifetime Garrett resident until she moved to Fort Wayne in 1985.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett, the Harmony Chapter of the Eastern Star and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

She was born Feb. 14, 1907, in Mercer County, Ohio, to Morton and Alice (Parker) Dawson. They preceded her in death.

She married V. James Runion on Jan. 1, 1937, in Garrett. He died April 2, 1986.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Art Ferry officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church or Town House Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Daniel Fortier

FORT WAYNE — Daniel V. Fortier, 44, of Fort Wayne died Friday, March 11, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Tina M. Fortier, Fort Wayne; three sons, Christopher V., Nicholas V., and Spencer V. Fortier, all of Fort Wayne; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Thomas V. and Cheryl Fortier Sr. of Delafield, Wis., and James V. Fortier of Kendallville; three sisters and three brothers-in-law, Georgiann and Bruce James of Elkhart, Annette M. and Randy Hines of Kokomo, and Pamela A. and Darryel Amos of Fort Wayne; a half-brother and his spouse, Richard and Betty Fortier of Fort Wayne; three half-sisters, Marcia Woods and Elaine Feldner and her spouse Mike, all of Fort Wayne, and Marie L. Cooper and her spouse Eddie of Elkhart.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Welton V. and Georgia (Demos) Fortier Sr.; a daughter, Carrie Ann Fortier; brothers Welton V. "Sonny" Fortier Jr. and Theodore Fortier; and a sister, Maryann Fortier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to services.

Calling will also be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Letti Melchi

ORLAND — Letti L. Melchi, 90, of Orland died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Melchi was born June 7, 1914, in Branch County, Mich. to Oscar W. and Amy M. (Davis) Shaull. She was married to Virgil H. Melchi on Nov. 22, 1932, in Steuben County. He preceded her in death on Sept. 19, 1984.

She was a music teacher, and gave lessons from her home for many years. She was a member of Orland Congregational Church, and was the church pianist for 27 years.

She was a 1931 graduate of Reading High School in Reading, Mich. She was a former grand marshal for the Vermont Settlement Days festival n Orland. She enjoyed fishing and mushroom hunting.

Surviving are two sisters, Lydia S. "Peggy" Neutz of Fremont and Vera Marie Bruce of Charlotte, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Josie L. Shufelt.

Services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Orland Congregational Church of Fremont Community Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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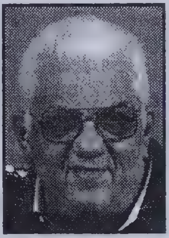
La Rue Springman

GOLDEN VALLEY, Ariz. — A memorial service for La Rue H. "Lee" Springman of Golden Valley, Ariz., and formerly of Auburn will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.


Mr. Springman

The Rev. Ken Yingling will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Springman, 69, died Feb. 9, 2005, in Golden Valley, Ariz.

He was employed for 28 years by Dana Spicer Clutch Division in Auburn, where he did various jobs, ending up driving a fork truck.

He was an avid bowler and bowled in the Dana League for many years and went to tournaments throughout the season. He also loved going fishing whenever he could. In his younger years, he enjoyed coin collecting. He also enjoyed watching old Westerns and listening to country music.

In 1997, after the death of his wife, he moved to Golden Valley, where he enjoyed exploring the deserts with his brother-in-law, Don. He loved the mountains. He kept a positive attitude despite losing his left leg to diabetes.

Mr. Springman spent time in Germany while he was in the Army, serving as a cook.

He was born April 15, 1935, in Williamsport, Pa.,

On Sept. 19, 1967, in Chicago he married Pat (Chorpenning) Elliott. They lived in Illinois for two years before moving to Auburn. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are three children, Valerie Kemery of Golden Valley, Ariz., Marsha Kimborough of Angola, and Wayne Elliott of Golden Valley, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren, Amy Earnhardt of Indianapolis, Terrie Kemery of Waterloo, Michelle Schefelbein of Butler, Shaun Kemery of Huntertown, Sarah Hornett of Corunna, Bill Klug of Christmas, Fla., Jennifer Hernandez of Angola, Corey Klug of Angola, Shannon Graham of Angola and Amber Elliott of Angola; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Doris Zahorcik of Golden Valley, Ariz., and two brothers, David Bowman of Justice, Ill., and Mike Bowman of Santee, Ca.

He also was preceded in death by his father, Wilbur H. Springman, mother, Evelyn (Miller) Bowman, stepfather, Shorty Bowman, and a brother, Robert Bowman.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Owen Barry

FREMONT — Owen C. Barry, 90, of Fremont died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Barry was born March 3, 1915, in Jamestown Township, Steuben County to Clyde and Una (Collins) Barry.

Surviving are two nephews and their wives, Roger and Anna Barry and Dr. Greg and Rebecca Barry, all of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Thelma Barry, and a brother, Elmore Barry.

Private family services will be held. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Wilmer Mailand

FORT WAYNE — Wilmer H. "Bud" Mailand, 75, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 14, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mailand was born April 6, 1929, in Hoagland.

He was the owner and operator of Sunset Inn at Crooked Lake for 10 years, and also a millwright for Local 232 carpenter's union for 30 years.

He was a member of American Legion Post No. 296, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1006 and the Navy Club. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and was discharged in 1953.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kent and Jan Mailand of Angola; three daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Ken Wass of Indianapolis, Gala and John Kline of Edon, Ohio, and Jodi and Kevin Belt of Charleston, S.C.; a brother, Eugene Mailand of Decatur; two sisters, Anita Stock of Angola and Dorothy Konow of Fremont; a special friend, Phyllis Thieme of Fort Wayne; the mother of his children, Betty Mailand; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with military graveside services performed by members of the American Legion.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Eileen Schendel

GARRETT — Eileen L. Schendel, 85, of Garrett died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Schendel was a teacher for Garrett schools from 1940 to 1945 and was a bookkeeper at Haffner Stores from 1945 until her retirement in 1963.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church. She had lived in Garrett for the past 65 years.

She was born July 5, 1919, in Jay County to Arthur and Essie (Wilson) Haffner. They preceded her in death.

She married Melvin "Red" L. Schendel on Feb. 14, 1948, in Garrett. He survives

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Mary Schendel of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Greg Cochran of Auburn; and six grandsons, Beau, Bryce and Brett Schendel, all of Garrett, and Logan, Landon and Brennan Cochran, all of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and a sister.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Bridget Dygert

DUBLIN, Ohio — Bridget Fox Dygert, 53, of Dublin died Wednesday, March 9, 2005.

Mrs. Dygert was born Nov. 18, 1951, in Logan, Ohio, to Paul "Bud" and Anna Marie Fox. She was married to Richard Dygert for 30 years, and he survives.

She attended Logan schools and graduated from Logan High School in 1969. She was also a graduate of Hocking College, and was employed by CompuServe for nine years and St. Brendan's Elementary School for 10 years while also volunteering as the bingo treasurer while her children attended school.

She was a member of St. Brigid of Kildare Church in Dublin.

Also surviving are three children, Andrew Dygert of Patuxent, Md., Gwendolyn Dygert of Danville, Calif., and Lucas Dygert of Great Lakes, Ill.; seven siblings, John Fox of Toledo, Ohio, Richard J. Fox of Branchville, N.J., George B. Fox of Victor, N.Y., James P. Fox of Logan, Kitty Fox of Dublin, Paula A. Sheridan of Troy, Ohio, and Timothy S. Fox of Nelsonville, Ohio; her parents, Paul "Bud" and Anna Marie Fox of Dublin; her mother- and father-in-law, Evelyn and Robert Dygert of Angola; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were Saturday at St. Brigid of Kildare Church.

Memorials are to Mount Carmel Hospice Program, care of Mount Carmel Foundation, 130 S. Davis Ave., Suite 102, Columbus, OH 43222.

Arrangements were handled by Rutherford Funeral Home, Powell, Ohio.

Beatrice Crooks

REELSVILLE — Beatrice Irene Crooks, 68, of Reelsville died Sunday, March 13, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Crooks was a homemaker. She had attended Huntington Church of Christ and was a member of McKinley Hill Church of Christ.

She was born Dec. 24, 1936, in Kendallville to Richard Hugh and Florence Agnes (Nott) Hazelton. In 1956, she married James George Crooks. He died in 1994.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Jeremy Koch of Reelsville and Nina and Charles Dixon of Huntington; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Milo Lindgy of Warsaw and Nanette and James Tucker of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Cecil and Margaret Hazelton of Kendallville; an aunt, Ruth Sayles of Kendallville; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Her parents, two brothers, Glenn and Richard Hazelton, and a sister, Sara Barton, also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling was Tuesday in Greencastle and will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to inbth@keymories.com.

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James Sells

FORT WAYNE — James D. Sells, 59, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at home.

Mr. Sells was a professional bass player. In his 40-year career, he played with such bands as After the Rain, Fly in the Rice, Ronnie Speaks, the Arville Byrd Band, Jump, Groove Dogs, Smokin, Lost Weekend, Along for the Ride and the Roger Marshall Band. He also performed with Bo Diddley and on a local TV program, The Night Shift and Toe Jam.

He was born Jan. 26, 1946, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Surviving are his wife, Lori, of Fort Wayne; a sister, Leslie, of Fort Wayne; three sons, Jeremy of Indianapolis, Jeff of Los Angeles, Calif., and Sean of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Bree of Wolf Lake; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services are 3 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour before services.

THE NEW ERA
March 16 2005 Albion, Indiana

CRASH SITE — Riding an ATV too close to the railroad tracks proved fatal for a Ligonier man Friday just before noon when the 2000 Yamaha Raptor he was driving was struck from behind by an eastbound CSX freight train. Monty Gard of Ligonier was pronounced dead at the scene from blunt force trauma as a result of the impact. The ATV was thrown down a 15-foot embankment and came to rest between the railroad and C.R. 300 N just west of C.R. 500 W. Indiana State Trooper Marc Leatherman, left, and Noble County Sheriff's Department Deputy Terry Wailel are shown in the background looking over the crash site. (ANE photo by Ryan Schwab)

Ligonier man killed when train strikes ATV near Kimmell

by Mark Hunter and Joy LeCount

KIMMELL — What apparently started as a pleasure ride turned deadly for a Ligonier man late Friday morning when the all terrain vehicle he was riding was struck by a train approximately one and one-half miles east of Kimmell.

Monty J. Gard, 42, was killed by the crash, which happened at around 11:37 a.m. on the CSX railroad right-of-way approaching C.R. 500 W and near county road 300N, according to Indiana State Police Trooper Marc Leatherman who was lead investigator at the scene of the crash.

Gard was riding alongside the tracks when he was struck from behind by the train which was eastbound traveling at about 60 mph. Although not right on the railroad tracks, apparently the 2000 Yamaha Raptor was close enough to be hit by the freight engine. The impact threw the AVT and its driver into a 15-foot ravine that separates the railroad and C.R. 300 N.

Noble County EMS and Albion Fire personnel hurried toward the scene, but it is believed Gard was killed on impact.

The Noble County Coroner's Office ruled the death to be the result of blunt force trauma.

Several officers from the Noble County Sheriff's Department assisted at the scene.

Citizens are reminded that railroad property is private property. In addition to the danger involved, trespassing on railroad property is considered unlawful.

THE NEW ERA
March 16 2005 Albion, Indiana

Allen Driscoll, 75

WAWAKA — Allen Wayne Driscoll, 75, of Wawaka died at 4:38 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Driscoll had been employed by the U.S. Postal Service in the Albion office where he retired as a clerk after 15 years of service.

He had moved to this area in 1971 from Carmel.

Mr. Driscoll was a 1948 graduate of New Haven High School and at age 62 received a bachelor's degree from Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne.

He conducted a creative writers group in Kendallville and was the author of eight books.

He was a member of Albion American Legion Post 242 DAV.

Mr. Driscoll served in the U.S. Navy from 1948 to 1960 as a warrants officer. He enjoyed hunting, trapping and turtle fishing.

He was born Feb. 5, 1930, in Woodburn to Andrew Melville "Mel" and Linnie (Deweese) Driscoll. On Oct. 2, 1954, at the Auburn Catholic Church, he married Velma Voirol. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Patrick Driscoll of Wawaka and Michael Driscoll of Albion; a daughter, Jennifer Driscoll of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Florence Paxton and Bonnie Austin; a brother, Marion Driscoll of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren, Danielle, Jerry, Amber, Tasha, Amanda and Kyle Driscoll.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jerrauld Driscoll on Feb. 28, 1986; a daughter-in-law, Reba Driscoll; a brother, Arthur Driscoll; and seven sisters, Maude Dager, Ethel Weikart, Hazel Amspaugh, Helen Hattendorf, Madeline Driscoll, Cecil Driscoll and Mildred Bade.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Private burial services will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Councils on Aging of Noble or LaGrange counties.

James Honaker, 75

ALBION — James Roy Honaker, 75, of Albion died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at his home.

He was a lifetime area resident and moved to Albion from Wolcottville.

Mr. Honaker had farmed when he was young. He was later employed by the B&O Railroad, Dana Corp., and was a superintendent at Transagram Midwest Inc. He was an 18-year representative of the U.A.W. and was owner/operator of Sycamore Pallets in Corunna for 25 years.

He served in the Navy Air Corps and was a World War II veteran.

He was born in Royalton, Ky., on Jan. 21, 1930, to Roy and Anna (Lewis) Honaker. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a companion, Mary Prucinsky of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, James D. and Angie Honaker of Thompkinsville, Ky., and Timothy R. and Sharon Honaker of Glenview, Ill.; a daughter, Julia Clare Honaker of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Janelle Ann and Steve Graber of Auburn; a brother, Keith Honaker of Wolcottville; a sister, Barbara Barnes of Wolcottville; nine grandchildren, Michelle Krock, Chad Honaker, Zach Honaker, Kevin Honaker, Brian Honaker, Daniel Graber, Rebekah Graber, Todd Honaker and Tara Honaker; as well as eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Mike Honaker, who died on July 13, 2001, and a brother, Robert "Bob" Honaker, who died Sept. 16, 2000.

Services were held Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at Wolcottville United Methodist Church in Wolcottville. The Rev. Jack Thomas, the Rev. Carldean Merrifield and the Rev. Robin LaRue officiated. Burial was at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne or the American Cancer Society.

Larry Myers, 58

ALBION — Larry Charles Myers, 58, of Albion died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at his home at Skinner Lake, rural Albion.

Mr. Myers had been employed for 23 years with Johnson Controls in Goshen before becoming disabled in 1990.

He was a member of Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo, the Sons of the American Legion in Albion and the Eagles Lodge in Albion.

Mr. Myers loved fishing and camping.

He was born Feb. 1, 1947, at Wolf Lake to Charles and Henrietta (Musser) Myers. They are deceased. On Aug. 12, 1995, in Waterloo, he married Vicky Lee Heileman. She survives.

Also surviving are his five children and their spouses, Charles Thomas and Cindi of Bristol, Benjamin Larry and Karen of Avilla, Joseph Lee of Albion, Richard of New Paris, and Alicia of Avilla; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Patsy Kelly of Cromwell and Nancy and Stanley Fausnaugh of Ligonier; three brothers, Terry Myers of Ligonier, Jerry Myers of LaGrange and Garry Wayne Myers and his special friend, Rose Ray, both of Churubusco; and three grandchildren, Evan Thomas Myers, Lily Nicole Myers and Jacob Lee Myers.

Services were held Friday, March 11, 2005, at Free Will Baptist Church in Waterloo with Pastor Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to the family.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to *www.hitefuneral-home.com*.

Roger Criswell, 55

ROME CITY — Roger Neil Criswell, 55, of Rome City died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Mr. Criswell had been ill since May 2004.

He was a lifetime area resident and was employed as a maintenance supervisor at Busche Enterprise. Prior to that he was employed at Dexter.

He served in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam veteran.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and the Fishing Club of Rome City.

He was born in Kendallville on March 2, 1950, to Richard and Mary (Friskney) Criswell. His father preceded him in death. His mother and her husband, Lee Baldwin of Zephyr Hills, Fla., survive.

He married Teresa Glass on Feb. 14, 2002. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Brittany Criswell, a student at IU in Bloomington, Brenay Lynn Criswell of Rome City and Brandy and Cris Christianson of Kendallville; three step-daughters and stepsons-in-law, Christy and B.J. Foltz of Paulding, Ohio, Janell and Pete Bradford of Payne, Ohio, and Jaclyn and Josh Spears of Defiance, Ohio; a brother, Randy Criswell of Rome City; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Lynn and Jerry Johnson of Albion, Brenda and Barry Steffe of Ligonier and Denise Ferrier of Mich.; and seven grandchildren, Titus Christianson, George Clemens IV; Justice Christianson; Dakota Bradford, Danielle Foltz, Alyssia Foltz and Alexis Foltz.

There was a service of remembrance on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Chris Mosley of Grace Christian Church of Kendallville officiated.

A gathering of friends was held Tuesday at the funeral home.

James Sells, 59

FORT WAYNE — James D. Sells, 59, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at his home.

Born January 26, 1946, in Pittsburgh, Pa., he made his profession as a bass player. During his career of about 40 years, he played in many bands including: After the Rain, Fly in the Rice, Ronnie Speaks, Arville Byrd Band, Jump, Groove Dogs, Smokin, Lost Weekend, Along for the Ride, and Roger Marshall Band. He also performed with Bo Diddley and on a local TV program, The Night Shift and Toe Jam.

He is survived by his wife, Lori and sister, Leslie, both of Fort Wayne; his sons, Jeremy of Indianapolis, Jeff of Los Angeles, Calif., and Sean of Fort Wayne; his daughter, Bree of Wolf Lake; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ella Mae "Jiggs" Sells.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, March 18, 2005, at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave, with calling one hour prior.

THE NEW ERA

March 16 2005 . Albion, Indiana

Genievie Armstead, 75

FORT WAYNE — Genievie A. Armstead, 75, a resident of Goshen Road in Fort Wayne, died early Thursday, March 10, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Fort Wayne since 1965. She had lived in West Virginia prior to moving to Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Armstead was born Feb. 15, 1930, in Houston, W.Va., to Arthur and Zella (Brown) Hudnall. She married George C. Armstead. He died April 20, 1974.

The survivors include her children, Arthur (Debbie) Armstead of Fort Wayne, Valerie Barrett of Fort Wayne, Theda (Mike) Eiffred of Albion, Anita F. (Robert) Shaw of Fort Wayne, Terry Armstead of Fort Wayne, Hazel Armstead of Fort Wayne, Velma (Don) Johnson of Churubusco, Kathy Langston of Fort Wayne, Pam Biesiada of Churubusco, and Jeffery Armstead of Fort Wayne. Also surviving are her brother, Bud (Glada) Hudnall of Beckley, West Virginia; her sisters Helen Willett of Bremen, Dimple Lanham of West Virginia; 11 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, March 14, 2005, at Bohn Chapel in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Bob Walton, 76

FORT WAYNE — Bob Walton, 76, died Monday, March 14, 2005, at his home in Garrett.

Born in Warsaw, he was a math teacher with Leo High School for 23 years, retiring in 1988. He also taught at Manchester College, physical education and coaching. He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran, a member of National Education Association, Indiana State Teachers Association, and was a member and Elder, Deacon, and past treasurer of St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

He married Rosemary Walton on December 27, 1954 in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Walton is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rosemary Walton, of Garrett; sons, Michael (Sherry) Walton of Leo, Slave (Lynn) Walton of Tucson, Ariz.; daughter, Janet (Sam) LaTurner of Avilla; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Boyd and Leone (Miller) Walton; a grandson, Steven Zachary Walton; and two brothers, Norman and James.

Services were held Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church, in Fort Wayne.

Memorials to St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church or Dekalb County Hospice. Arrangements by McComb, Dilgard & Cline, 502 N. Main Street, Auburn Burial in Cedar Chapel, Garrett.

Monty Gard, 42

ALBION — Monty J. Gard, 42, of Kimmell died Friday, March 11, 2005.

Mr. Gard was a lifelong Noble County resident. He was a 1981 graduate of West Noble High School where he played baseball and football.

He enjoyed working on motor vehicles and driving them. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his nieces and nephews.

He was born Nov. 16, 1962, in Kimmell to Leonard and Betty (Denton) Gard. They are deceased.

Surviving are a grandmother, Doris Gard of Ligonier; a daughter, Tiffany Marsh of Albion; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Delmer Gard of Ligonier, Trevor Gard and his companion, Vonda Thorsnberry, of Cromwell, and Chad and Wendy Gard of Jackson, Wis.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Deborah Dills of Ligonier and Rebecca and John Stump of Kimmell; three nieces; and four nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a nephew, Justin E. Gard.

Services were held Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Rachel Bales-Case of Kimmell United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the family.

THE NEWS-SUN

March 17 2005 Kendallville, Indiana

DeWayne Word

ANGOLA — DeWayne M. "Dinkie" Word, 87, of Angola died Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Word was born Oct. 8, 1917, in Richland Township, Steuben County to John and Gladys (Royer) Word. He married Ruby Bolinger on Sept. 1, 1942, and she survives.

He was a World War II Army veteran. He was an asphalt technician for Brooks Construction for 13 years and was also a farmer.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Roger and Mary Ann Word and John Word, all of Angola; three daughters and sons-in-law, Cheri and Richard Hantz and Laura and Robert Gallogly, all of Angola, and Nancy and Richard Wilson of Hudson; two brothers, Owen Word and Carlton Word, both of Angola; 18 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and LeOtis Word.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Alan Word officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Warren Hankes

FREMONT — Warren J. "Bud" Hankes, 75, of Fremont died Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

He is survived by his wife, Janet (Foster) Hankes.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Betty Dennis

FREMONT — Betty L. Dennis, 83, of Fremont and formerly of the Cromwell area died Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at 6:30 a.m. at Life Care of LaGrange.

Mrs. Dennis

Mrs. Dennis was a retired bartender and waitress who worked for a number of years at the Hayraker in Cromwell and Bowlway in Ligonier.

She was a member of the Ligonier Eagles and Wolf Lake VFW Auxiliary and enjoyed crocheting, shopping, playing bingo and talking to people. She also loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Dennis was born Nov. 4, 1921, in Fort Wayne to Clyde and Clara (Houser) Hamilton. She has been a resident of Cromwell since 1970 and moved to Fremont seven years ago.

She is survived by two daughters, Dailia Working of Angola and Jeanie Marrs of Cromwell; three grandchildren, Pam Feller, Paula Worden and Jeff Marrs; and six great-grandchildren Ashley, Tanner, Stormie, Josh, Tabby and Tarrin.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Don and Harold.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Stringtown Cemetery in Wolf Lake.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. until time of the service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Life Care of LaGrange.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Annabelle Saggars

COLUMBIA CITY — Annabelle Saggars, 83, of Columbia City and formerly of Ligonier died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City, where she had been a resident since September 2002.

Mrs. Saggars was born March 2, 1922, in Cromwell to Morris Cresco and Clara Edith (Gregg) Miller.

On March 2, 1941, she married Vernon Adolph Saggars. They lived in Ligonier until 1951 when they moved to Whitley County. In the mid-1960s, they moved back to Ligonier. Mr. Saggars died Sept. 3, 1997.

Mrs. Saggars was a nursing assistant at Miller's Merry Manor and Columbia City Community Care Center and retired in 1987 from Whitley County Memorial Hospital. She was a graduate of Ligonier High School and a member of West Point Trinity United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Vernon and Diane Saggars, John Wayne "Bake" and Charlene Saggars and Keith Edward and Janis Saggars; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry Kent Saggars; a daughter Georgia Ann Ballard; two sisters, Helen Osborn and Mable Wysong; and two brothers, Jerome Delbert Miller and John LeRoy Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Karen Biddle of West Point Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to West Point Trinity United Methodist Church.

THE NEWS-SUN

March 17 2005 Kendallville, Indiana

Ruth Reinoehl

GARRETT — Ruth E. Reinoehl, 72, of Garrett died Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Reinoehl

Mrs. Reinoehl had moved to the nursing home 2 1/2 years ago from Avilla.

She had worked at Essex in Ligonier and was a member of Garrett Nazarene Church.

She was born April 10, 1932, in Albion to Thomas and Lera (Heltzel) Wirick. On June 8, 1956, she married Esta "Bud" Reinoehl. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a sister, Mary Belle Kline of South Milford; and a brother, Melvin Wirick of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Keif and Ruby Schaffer; and four brothers, Raymond Wirick, Walter Wirick, Robert Wirick and Alvin Wirick.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Frairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Harry Rissner

KENDALLVILLE — Harry B. Rissner, 76, of Kendallville died at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Rissner was a lifetime area resident and had retired in 1990 as a mechanic with Schmuck's Garage in Kendallville.

He was a member of American Legion Post 86, VFW Post 2749, Moose Lodge 1301 and Eagles Lodge 985.

Mr. Rissner was a World War II and Korean war Navy veteran.

He was born May 30, 1928, in Fairfield Center, DeKalb County, to William Carl and Mata (Strehse) Rissner. On April 13, 1978, in Kendallville, he married Thelma (Knutson) Williamson. She died June 12, 1996.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth W. and Diane Rissner of Kendallville and George and Louise Rissner of Garrett; a daughter, Marcia Fuleki of St. Joe; a daughter-in-law, Arleen Rissner of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Helen Forker.

A service of remembrance will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the VFW chaplain officiating.

A gathering for friends will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Dortha Gaskill

FORT WAYNE — Dortha Marie Gaskill, 91, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at her home.

Born in DeKalb County, she was a teacher's assistant at Franke Park Elementary School for 15 years, retiring in 1984. She was involved with Dorcas Ladies Society and was a member of Northside Missionary Church.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Patricia and Brad Knapper of Fort Wayne, Judy and Doug Short of Fort Wayne, Susan and Bill Krontz of Butler and Linda Anderson of San Diego, Calif.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tim Gaskill of Fort Wayne and Dan and DeAnn Gaskill of Butler; a stepdaughter, Katherine Johnson of Angola; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice or Northside Missionary Church.

Cassidy Hamm

GARRETT — Cassidy Hamm, 28, formerly of Garrett died Saturday, March 12, 2005, in Portland, Ore.

Mr. Hamm

Mr. Hamm was a 1995 graduate of Garrett High School, where he played basketball and football and ran cross country. He attended Indiana State University.

Surviving are his father, Mark Hamm of Bloomington; a grandmother, Louise Hamm of Garrett; an aunt and her husband, Jordan and Dan Yarde of Garrett; and uncle and his wife, Todd and Kathy Hamm of Auburn; a cousin, Austin Bower of Fort Wayne; and a dear friend, Marla Sandys of Bloomington.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jeanette Omernick, formerly of Bisbee, Ariz., and his grandfather, Charles Hamm, formerly of Garrett.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

James Bleke

KEY LARGO, Fla. — James H. Bleke, 74, owner of the Adams Lake Pub, died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 15, 2005, in Key Largo.

Mr. Bleke

He was co-founder and executive vice president of Ellis Environmental Group based out of Newberry, Fla. He was also the owner of Adams Lake Pub at Adams Lake in LaGrange County.

Mr. Bleke was born and raised in Fort Wayne and was a graduate of North Side High School and Purdue University. He held a professional engineering license.

He was a Korean War veteran and entrepreneur. He will be remembered as a family man that enjoyed life to the fullest.

His wife, Beverly (Wells) Bleke, preceded him in death after nearly 49 years of marriage.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Marleah Bleke and Jeffery and Lori Bleke; a daughter, Lisa Bleke; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Messiah Lutheran Church 2955 E. C.R. 700S. Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the church building fund.

Carol Waddell

FORT WAYNE — Carol J. Waddell, 67, died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A Rome City native, she had retired from Lincoln Life Insurance Co. in 2004.

She was a member of the Moose Lodge, American Legion of New Haven and the Navy Club and attended New Haven United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Patti Roberts of Butler and Kevin and Karen Roberts of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Chuck Wirick of Fort Wayne; and grandchildren Victoria, Katie, Darcy, Montana, Sierra, Jon and Cameron.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Thomas W. Waddell, in 1995; and a brother, Jack King.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

George Payton

GARRETT — George R. "Bob" Payton Jr., 56, of Garrett died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

A lifelong Garrett resident, Mr. Payton worked for Rieke Corp. in Auburn for the past 19 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was born July 25, 1948, in Garrett to George R. Payton Sr. and Arminda "Minnie" (Custer) Payton. They preceded him in death.

On Dec. 3, 1999, in Auburn he married Elsie "Jane" Quinn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Cory Payton of Auburn; four daughters, Jessica Foulk of Wolcottville, Bonnie Bolen of Rome City, and Crystal Tackels and Melissa Hinkle, both of Garrett; a stepgrandmother, MaryAnn Payton of Syracuse; a brother, Kim Payton of Corunna; two sisters, Marilyn Helmick and Jama Campbell, both of Garrett; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Slater officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside services by Garrett Post 178 of the American Legion.

Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Payton family.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Tayler Dobson

KENDALLVILLE — Tayler Rain Dobson was stillborn Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital.

Surviving are her parents, Carl D. Dobson and Belinda L. Green, both of Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sisters, Courtnie Uphold of Kendallville and Heather Nicole Dobson of Rome City; maternal grandparents, Don and Barb Green of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Phoebe J. Montgomery of Hazard, Ky., and Michael J. Montgomery of Pearl Gravel, Texas; maternal great-grandparents, Corbet and Corrine Green and Ocie Spriggs, all of Lisbon; and paternal great-grandparents, Cornie Dobson of Hazard and Woodrow and Evelyn Montgomery of Dayton, Ohio.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sweet Cemetery near Albion with Sonny Stanley officiating.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THE ADVANCED LEADER
March 17 - 2005 Ligonier, Indiana

Ligonier man dies in accident

KIMMELL — Indiana State Police said a pleasure ride turned deadly for a Ligonier man whose all-terrain vehicle was struck by a CSX freight train engine at 11:37 a.m. last Friday.

Dead at the scene along the CSX tracks near C.R. 500W was Monty J. Gard, 42. He died of blunt force trauma, according to Trooper Marc Leatherman in a press release.

Leatherman said Gard was operating a 2000 Yamaha 660 Raptor and traveling east along the railroad tracks. An eastbound, 50-car CSX freight trai traveling at about 60 mph struc the rear of the ATV, throwin the vehicle into a 15-foot culvert.

Gard was outside the tracks but too close to the rails Leatherman said. He also note that railroad property is private and should not be traveled b any means.

Monty Gard

Monty J. Gard, 42, of Kimmell died Friday, March 11, 2005.

Mr. Gard was a lifelong Noble County resident. He was a 1981 graduate of West Noble High School where he played baseball and football.

He enjoyed working on motor vehicles and driving them. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his nieces and nephews.

He was born Nov. 16, 1962, in Kimmell to Leonard and Betty (Denton) Gard. They are deceased.

Surviving are a grandmother, Doris Gard of Ligonier; a daughter, Tiffany Marsh of Albion; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Delmer Gard of Ligonier, Trevor Gard and his companion, Vonda Thorsnberry, of Cromwell, and Chad and Wendy Gard of Jackson, Wis.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Deborah Dills of Ligonier and Rebecca and John Stump of Kimmell; three nieces; and four nephews.

He was also preceded death by a nephew, Justin Gard.

Services were Tuesda March 15 at Ulrey-Renr Funeral Home in Ligoni with the Rev. Rachel Bale Case of Kimmell Unite Methodist Church officiatin Burial will be in Oak Pa Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the fam ly.

In Memory of Dalia "Leti" Peña

We at Leti's Tacos would like to take the time to thank all of our customers for your support and patience as we continue to move forward from our great loss of one year ago.

March 18 will mark exactly one year that Dalia "Leti" Peña passed away suddenly in a tragic car accident. The healing and recuperation continue, and are only strengthened with your continual loyalty to a business that Leti and we love very much.

The things that made Leti so special were her tender and loving heart, warm benevolence to everyone, and a true, genuine loyalty to her family, friends and others whom she cared about. It is these same qualities that we have found in many of you throughout this time, that have allowed us to sustain and endure this year with anticipation for the next.

We will continue to serve you the best that we can in appreciation of the compassion that you have shown us. It is for this that we say, "Thank you."

Leti's Tacos • Ligonier

THE ADVANCED LEADER

March 17 2005 Ligonier, Indiana

Larry Myers

ALBION — Larry Charles Myers, 58, of Albion died nexpectedly Tuesday, March , 2005, at his home at Skinner Lake, rural Albion.

Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers had been employed for 23 years with Johnson Controls in Goshen before becoming disabled in 1990.

He was a member of Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo, the Sons of the American Legion in Albion and the Eagles Lodge n Albion.

Mr. Myers loved fishing and camping.

He was born Feb. 1, 1947, at Wolf Lake to Charles and Henrietta (Musser) Myers. They are deceased. On Aug. 12, 1995, in Waterloo, he married Vicky Lee Heileman. She survives.

Also surviving are his five children and their spouses, Charles Thomas and Cindi of Bristol, Benjamin Larry and Karen of Avilla, Joseph Lee of Albion, Richard of New Paris, and Alicia of Avilla; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Patsy Kelly of Cromwell and Nancy and Stanley Fausnaugh of Ligonier; three brothers, Terry Myers of Ligonier, Jerry Myers of LaGrange and Garry Wayne Myers and his special friend, Rose Ray, both of Churubusco; and three grandchildren, Evan Thomas Myers, Lily Nicole Myers and Jacob Lee Myers.

Services were held Friday at Free Will Baptist Church in Waterloo with Pastor Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

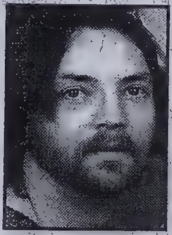
Memorials are to the family.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Daniel Halsey Sr.

Daniel Lee Halsey Sr., 51, of rural Cromwell died Sunday, March 13, 2005, at his residence.



Mr. Halsey

He was a lifelong Noble County resident.

On Nov. 10, 1953, in Elkhart, he was born to Warren Halsey Sr. and Patty (Salmon) Halsey Emerick. His mother survives, but his father preceded him in death.

He had been employed in manufacturing. Mr. Halsey was an avid bowler who had bowled a 290 game in Syracuse, and he enjoyed fishing, golfing and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Surviving in addition to his mother are a son, Daniel Lee Halsey Jr. of Cromwell; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Shawna and Ben Arnold of Ligonier, and Sheila and Kenny Nesmith and Shelby Chaffins, all of Cromwell; a brother, Warren "Butch" Halsey of Ligonier; two stepbrothers, Gary Emerick of Fort Wayne, and Dennis Emerick of San Francisco, Calif.; a sister, Marsha Thompson of Cromwell; two stepsisters, Judy Courtney of Winter Springs, Fla., and Kathy Lonski of Seattle, Wash.; and seven grandchildren, Kaylee Halsey, Jaiden and Tyler Nesmith, and Talena, Joseph, Brad and Ryan Chaffins.

His stepfather, Russell Emerick, also preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, March 17 at Ligonier United Methodist Church Crosswalk, Ligonier, with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating.

Calling will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m. today, March 17, at the Crosswalk.

Memorials are to the Saturday Morning YABA c/o Wawasee Bowl in Syracuse.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

March 17 2005 Ligonier, Indiana

Allen Driscoll

Allen Wayne Driscoll, 75, of Wawaka died at 4:38 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Driscoll had been employed by the U.S. Postal Service in the Albion office where he retired as a clerk after 15 years of service.

Mr Driscoll

He had moved to this area in 1971 from Carmel.

Mr. Driscoll was a 1948 graduate of New Haven High School and at age 62 received a bachelor's degree from Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne.

He conducted a creative writers group in Kendallville and was the author of eight books.

He was a member of Albion American Legion Post 242 and the DAV.

Mr. Driscoll served in the U.S. Navy from 1948 to 1960 as a warrants officer. He enjoyed hunting, trapping and turtle fishing.

He was born Feb. 5, 1930, in Woodburn to Andrew Melville "Mel" and Linnie (Deweese) Driscoll. On Oct. 2, 1954, at the Auburn Catholic Church, he married Velma Voirol. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Patrick Driscoll of Wawaka and Michael Driscoll of Albion; a daughter, Jennifer Driscoll of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Florence Paxton and Bonnie Austin; a brother, Marion Driscoll of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren, Danielle, Jerry, Amber, Tasha, Amanda and Kyle Driscoll.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jerrauld Driscoll on Feb. 28, 1986; a daughter-in-law, Reba Driscoll; a brother, Arthur Driscoll; and seven sisters, Maude Dager, Ethel Weikart, Hazel Amspaugh, Helen Hattendorf, Madeline Driscoll, Cecil Driscoll and Mildred Bade.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 19 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Private burial services will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Councils on Aging of Noble or LaGrange counties.

Betty Dennis

FREMONT — Betty L Dennis, 83, of Fremont formerly of the Cromwell area died Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 6:30 a.m. at the Life Care of LaGrange.

Mrs. Dennis was a retired bartender and waitress who worked for a number of years at the Hayraker in Cromwell and Bowlway in Ligonier.

She was a member of the Ligonier Eagles and Wolf Lake VFW Auxiliary and enjoyed crocheting, shopping, playing bingo and talking to people. She also loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Dennis was born November 4, 1921 in Ft. Wayne to Clyde Hamilton and Clara (Houser). She has been a resident of Cromwell since 1970 and moved to Fremont seven years ago.

She is survived by two daughters, Dailia Working of Angola and Jeanie Marrs of Cromwell.

Also surviving her are grandchildren Pam Feller, Paula Worden and Jeff Marrs; great grandchildren Ashley, Tanner, Stormie, Josh, Tabby and Tarrin.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Don and Harold.

Services will be held Friday, March 18 at 1 p.m. in the Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Stringtown Cemetery in Wolf Lake.

Calling will be day of the funeral, March 18 from 10 a.m. until time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Life Care of LaGrange.

Arrangements are being handled by the Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

Tillie Long

AUBURN — Tillie Viola (Temple) Long, 93, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Long was a homemaker and had worked as a nurse at the Souder Hospital in Auburn.

She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, the DeKalb County Humane Society and the DeKalb County Historical Society.

She was a graduate of Morgan Township High School and the Chicago School of Nursing.

She was born May 16, 1911, in Morgan Township, in Harrison County, to Louis and Elizabeth (Dinklaker) Temple. They preceded her in death.

She married Donald R. Long on Feb. 10, 1932, in Central Barren. He died Feb. 19, 1981.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jeanette and Donald Inlow of Auburn and Judith Knapp of Auburn; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant brother; a granddaughter, Lori Inlow; and a great-grandson, Benjamin Houston.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with the Rev. Gene Woolever officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from noon to 1:45 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society or the DeKalb County Historical Society.

Linda Gilbert

HENRYVILLE — Linda Gail Gilbert, 48, of Henryville and formerly of Kendallville died Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at her home following an extended illness.

She had been employed at Essex Wire in Kendallville. She was a homemaker at the time of her death.

Mrs. Gilbert was a member of New Frankfort Pentecostal Church in Austin, Ind.

She was born Dec. 7, 1956, in Scott County to Ellis and Carlie (McComedy) Hazelwood. On July 5, 1975, she married Danny Joe Gilbert. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Stephanie Gilbert, Crystal Gilbert and Jessica Gilbert, all of Henryville, and Jennifer Collman of Crothersville; two brothers, Stanley Hazelwood of Scottsburg and Frank Hanzelwood of Tennessee; five sisters, Nancy White of Tennessee, Ruth Ann Combs and Lil Hazelwood, both of Austin, and Eva Johnson and Marthy Hazelwood, both of Seymour; and one grandchild.

Services were March 11 at New Frankfort Pentecostal Church in Austin with the Rev. Marvin McIntosh officiating. Burial was in Combs Cemetery in Austin.

Buchanan Funeral Home in Austin was in charge of arrangments.

Warren Hankes

FREMONT — Warren J. "Bud" Hankes, 75, of Fremont died Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at home.

Mr. Hankes was born March 12, 1930, in Fremont to Bernard and Gladys (Swick) Hankes. He married Janet Foster on Nov. 8, 1953, in Fremont, and she survives.

He was the owner and manager of Eckman's Shoe Store in Fremont for 35 years. He collected old cars and street rods. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are a daughter-in-law, Carol Hankes of Fremont; two sisters, Ilah Champion of Tavares, Fla., and Juineta Wood of Angola; and 10 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Steven Foster Hankes in 1982 and Mark W. Hankes in 1999.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday one hour before services.

Burial will be at a later date in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorials are to Fremont Cemetery, PO Box 263, Fremont, IN 46737.

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Keith Riddle

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Keith Fritz Riddle, 88, of Grand Rapids died Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at Christian Rest Home in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Riddle had operated cafeterias in Indianapolis at one time and had retired from the Indiana Department of Historical Preservation.

He was a graduate of Concord High School and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Riddle was born Oct. 24, 1916, to Cebert and Jessie Riddle of Concord, Mich.

Surviving are his wife, Alice Riddle; three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Gary Fisher of Angola, Jan and Kurt Folkmier of Elkhart and Marcy and Kris VanderMale of Grand Rapids; nine grandchildren, Eric Fisher, Wyatt Fisher, Jeanne Nolan, Stacey Bowers, Mindy Folkmier, Michael Folkmier, Keith VanderMale, Kristen Gorlewski and Katelyn VanderMale; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. at S.D. Lauer Funeral Home in Concord, Mich., with Mr. Riddle's grandson, Wyatt Fisher, officiating. Burial will be at Concord Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Christian Rest Home, 1000 Edison N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

Noeleen Ward

MIDDLEBURY — Noeleen "Pat" Ward, 82, of Middlebury, died at 6:33 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2005, in the emergency room at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Ward was a homemaker and at worked in the office of Ward Industries in Middlebury for her son.

She had moved to Middlebury in 1982 from Canada.

Mrs. Ward was born July 8, 1922, in Rangoria, New Zeland, to Mr. and Mrs. George Hamilton. On April 28, 1945, in Christchurch, New Zeland, she married Ian G. Ward. He died April 17, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Suzy Frost of Christchurch; a son, Derek G. Ward of Middlebury; and four grandchildren.

There are no services.

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Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Beatrice Crooks** were held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home with Charles R. Gamble officiating. Burial was in South Milford Cemetery. Pallbearers were Diana Fernandez, Ignatius Fernandez, Steven Barton, Jeremiah Kewish, David Kewish, Phil Hazelton, Paul Hazelton and Jesse Dixon.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Funeral services for **James R. Honaker** were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Wolcottville United Methodist Church with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield, the Rev. Robin LaRue and the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery at Wolcottville. Pallbearers were David Wyant, Daniel Graber, Mark Lalancette, Steve Graber, Mark Prucinsky and Chance Prucinsky. Honorary pallbearers were Jerald Wolfe and Eugene Wolfe. Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — A service of remembrance for **Roger N. Criswell** was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Pastor Chris Mosley officiating.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Funeral services for **David E. Brown** were held March 9 at 7 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Michael McKinney officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Herbert Slone** were held March 12 at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church with elders Russell Hicks and Morris Wicker officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield. Pallbearers were Roger Dale Mullins, Eric Hilderbrand, Chad Brown, Dallas Downham, Duke Lovely and Julis Hicks. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lana Myers

Mrs. Myers

LIGONIER — Lana I. Myers, 90, of Ligonier died Thursday, March 17, 2005, at 7:50 p.m. at Kendallville Manor Healthcare in Kendallville.

Mrs. Myers was a lifelong Noble County resident. She was a member of Pentecostal Apostolic Church of Goshen.

Mrs. Myers was a God-loving, giving person who enjoyed gardening and fishing. She also loved animals and was a blessing to her family and friends.

She was born May 20, 1914, in Etna (Whitley County) to Samuel Nathan and Margaret (Murphy) Twaits.

She had been married to Jerry O. Lawson, Paul Grate and Chester Myers. They all preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stan and Sandy Lawson of Avilla; three daughters and sons-in-law, Lana S. and LeRoy Murphy of Fort Wayne, Nancy C. and Donald Tepin of Fort Wayne, and Ann and Terry Askren of Albion; a stepson, Basil Myers of Columbia City; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Betty Bratt of Columbia City, and Devona and Jim Berg of Albion; 14 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and many great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Zollie Twaits; a daughter, Paula Clatterbaugh; a stepson, James Grate; a great-grandson, Hunter Askren; and a great-granddaughter, Melinda Lawson.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. The Rev. Bill Parks of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier will officiate.

Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Ann Sebert

AUBURN — Ann Sebert, 90, of Auburn died Friday, March 18, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Sebert

Mrs. Sebert was a former employee of Staman's Drug Store in Auburn and the Auburn Automobile Co. She retired in 1995 from Blackwell's Department Store in Auburn.

She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, Sigma Beta Sorority, the DeKalb County Democratic Ladies Club and Greenhurst Country Club.

She was born Nov. 6, 1914, in Auburn to George W. and Ann Martha (Lumm) Koons.

She married Archie Sebert on April 6, 1947. He died Sept. 14, 1988.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara Ann and Mike Ehinger of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Kevin Michael Ehinger and his wife, Amy, and Allison Brook Ehinger.

She was preceded in death by a son, Kevin Jon Sebert.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Donna Osborn

ANGOLA — Donna Mae Osborne, 58, of Angola died Friday, March 18, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Osborne worked at Dana-Epic in Angola. She enjoyed bingo, bowling and her family.

Mrs. Osborn

She was born Aug. 27, 1946, in Dearborn, Mich., to Glen and Helen Bandy. They preceded her in death.

On Dec. 29, 2004, in Angola, she married Mike Osborne. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Wendy Lynn Emerick and Patty Fugate, both of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Deannie Morse of Hicksville, Ohio; four grandchildren, James and Shalyn Morse and Amber and John Fugate; and two sisters, Diane Armstrong of Minnesota and Bonnie Bell of Arkansas.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Mike Kaminski.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home, 200 W. Toledo, Fremont.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Mrs. Lynch liked to care for other

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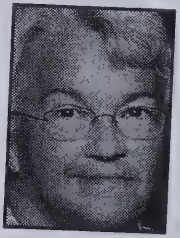
HUDSON — On that day in October of 1963 when he took a tumble and broke his collarbone, David Lynch probably didn't think having done so was a good thing.

But as it turned out, that broken collarbone — and going to Marion hospital to have it treated — was a blessing in disguise, because that was where David met a nurse named Connie, who he would marry, raise four daughters with and be with for over 40 years.

"I was on my back for 17 days, so I had some time to think about her," David said.

He and Connie started dating shortly after he was back on his feet, and they were married on March 13, 1964. Together, they raised four daughters, Cynthia Diane, Teresa Kaye, Debra Sue and Tamara Lynn, and became the grandparents of Amber, Autumn, Robert, Bryan, Brady and David.


Mrs. Lynch

Connie, who had battled diabetes for more than 25 years, fell ill and died at home on March 6. If there was one thing people were going to remember about his wife, David said, he would want it to be how she always wanted to care for others.

"She liked to help other people," David remembered. "She was easygoing. She was a nurse all her life. That was all she ever wanted to do."

The Lynch family moved to Steuben County in the early 1970s. They began raising livestock as a sideline, and raised their four children on a farm. All the Lynch girls graduated from Prairie Heights High School.

"She always, always put friends and family first," Cindy said. "And taking care of people — that was her thing. I remember people sending her things to thank for taking such good care them."

Cindy said her mother w right from being a great par to being a doting grandpare

"The children came fi and then after the children h children, the grandchildr came first," she said.

Cindy said her mother h been doing better, and that s had been planning on going West Lafayette to visit Cin and Tamara, who live the when she fell ill.

"It was sudden," Cindy sa quietly.

"If this had happened December, it wouldn't hav been such a shock. But she ha been doing so much better."

John 'Jack' Ehlers

KENDALLVILLE — John "Jack" Ehlers, 82, of Kendallville, died Friday, March 18, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Ehlers

He was a member of the U.S. Air Force during World War II, and retired as the comptroller at the Indiana Air National Guard unit in Fort Wayne.

He was a Kendallville High School graduate, and had attended Valparaiso University for two years in business and accounting. For many years he was the building inspector for the City of Kendallville.

Mr. Ehlers was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 86, the Francis Vinyard Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 and Elks Lodge 1194, all in Kendallville.

On Jan. 17, 1923, he was born to John P. and Bertha (Hausrath) Ehlers.

He married Betty Taylor on Oct. 11, 1946, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Mary Ehlers of Venice, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Chris and Larry Howard of Kendallville; three granddaughters, Megan Ehlers of Sarasota, Fla., and Angie Sibert and Summer Treesh, both of Kendallville; a great-grandson, Kane Sibert of Kendallville; and a great-granddaughter, Caden Treesh of Kendallville; and two sisters, Lois Owen of Kendallville and Mickey Busch of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery of Kendallville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and one hour before services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent or the online guest book signed at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Juanita Quinley

GRUNDY, VA. — Juanita Gertrude Quinley, 80, of Grundy, Va., died Friday, March 18, 2005, at the home of her daughter, Linda Osborne, following an extended illness.

She had been a resident of Buchanan County for several years and was a member of the Garden Creek Church of Christ, a former factory worker and a homemaker.

Born in McDowell County, W. Va., she was the daughter of Robert D. and Annie (Cypress) Beavers.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond and Betty Quinley of Albion, and Dallas and Linda Quinley of Rome City; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Ruby and Kelly Church, Linda and Ellis Osborne, Shirley and Bud Ratliff, Julie Looney and Mary Hurley, all of Grundy; a sister, Zella Cook of Grundy; 28 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Benjamin Franklin Quinley, on Sept. 17, 1989; a daughter, Ora Mae Mullins; two brothers, Lawrence and Elmer Beavers; three grandsons. James White, Terry and Tommy Mullins; and her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Grundy Funeral Home Chapel, Grundy, Va., with evangelists Michael Trent and Bill Boyd officiating. Burial will be in Mountain Valley Memorial Park at Big Rock, Va.

Calling is tonight after 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may sent to the family at www.grundyfuneralhome.com.

Benjamin Gowthrop

ANGOLA — Benjamin Rex Gowthrop, 75, of Angola, died Friday, March 18, 2005, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gowthrop was a member of Angola Christian Church, and managed the Faucher Motel and owned the E & L Motel. He was engaged in maintenance for several places from 1976 to 1981.

He worked for Pure Sealed and Allen Dairy from 1956 to 1971, and was a farmer from 1949 to 1956.

On March 7, 1930, in Camden, Mich., he was born to Ora Allen and Mildred (Amsbaugh) Gowthrop.

He married Marguerite Eyster in Angola on May 10, 1961. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Rick Gowthrop of Savannah, Ga., Leslie Gowthrop of Pleasant Lake, and Michael Gowthrop of Angola; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A son, Stan Gowthrop, a brother, Horace Gowthrop, a sister, LaRae Brubaker and his parents preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Angola Christian Church, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Edon Union Cemetery at Edon, Ohio.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to Angola Christian Church.

Ethel James

EDON, Ohio — Ethel M. Kline James, 92, of Edon, Ohio, died at 10:05 a.m. Friday, March 18, 2005, at Dream Haven Assisted Living in Edgerton, Ohio, where she lived.

She was a homemaker and a member of Butler Eagles Aerie 2733 and the Butler American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. James was born Sept. 25, 1912, in Garrett to Albert and Rosa Della Main Cutshall.

She married Ralph E. Kline on Nov. 18, 1929, in Albion, Ohio, and he preceded her in death in October 1967.

She then married Robert James, who preceded her in death in 1976.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Lamar and Vicki James and Jack James, all of Edon; a daughter, Linda Snow of Bryan, Ohio; her special friend, Larry Seslar; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Marjorie Kline; a grandson, Larry Kline; three sisters, Leona Cohen, Bertha Hunkler and Stella Wiseman; and her long-time companion Arthur Jettinghoff.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with the Rev. Eric Dailey officiating. Burial will follow in Edon Cemetery.

Calling be after 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Edon United Methodist Church or Dream Haven Assisted Living in Edgerton.

An online register may be signed and condolences may be sent to www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Lester Metzger

NORTH MANCHESTER — Lester D. Metzger, 86, of North Manchester, died at 7:22 p.m. Friday, March 18, 2005, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a lifetime farmer and a salesman for Church of the Brethren Insurance from 1980-1990.

Mr. Metzger was an active and lifetime member of Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren, and a 1936 Chester High School graduate.

On Aug. 8, 1918, in Wabash County, he was born to Clarence and Ida M. (Keister) Metzger.

He married Arloene Fultz on Oct. 26, 1941. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Pricilla Metzger of North Manchester and Kenneth and Marsha Metzger of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol Sue and Rodney Rooney of Huntington; a sister, Marietta Sell of North Manchester; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Orville, Don and Ernest Metzger, a sister, Opal Miller, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. Kelly Beutler officiating. Burial will be in Ulrey Memorial Cemetery at Silver Lake.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary North Manchester Chapel, 1401 S.R. 114 West, North Manchester, and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren.

Amy Martinez

LIGONIER — Amy M. Martinez, 30, of Ligonier, died at 2:40 a.m. Saturday, March 19, 2005, at her mother's residence.

Amy Martinez

She was born Feb. 11, 1975, in Kendallville to Rick Richards and Frances Baker. They survive.

She was a mother, homemaker, a lifelong Ligonier resident and loved to spend time with her family. She enjoyed shopping, reading and writing poetry, and also loved animals, especially the family cat, Salem.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are three sons, Luis Martinez, 14, Francisco Chavez, 9, and Michael Chavez, 6, all at home; a daughter, Karmin Martinez, 12, at home; a brother, David DePew of Wolcottville; two sisters, Angela Hall of Butler and Erin Collazo of Cromwell; and a stepmother, Elisha Richards of Ligonier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be Monday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the children.

Patsy Finn

ANGOLA — Patsy Ruth Finn, 70, of Angola, died Friday, March 18, 2005, in Angola.

She owned and operated her own daycare service. She had lived in Angola for 42 years after moving from Chicago. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

On Sept. 30, 1934, in Coolwater, Va., she was born to Earl and Oma (Lowe) Sims.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory M. and Brenda Finn of Houston; two brothers, Jerry Sims of Elliston, Va., and Jim Sims of Waynesboro, Va.; a sister, Pearl Richardson of Harrisonburg, Va.; and a grandson, Matthew A. Finn of Houston.

Preceding her in death were a daughter, Michelle P. Finn, two brothers, Giles and Glen Sims; a sister, Freda Evans; and her parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to RISE Inc.

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Joan Schultz

AUBURN — Joan H. Schultz, 65, of Auburn died Friday, March 18, 2005, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She served as head nurse in the Lakeside Hospital emergency room in Brockport, N.Y., and was a nurse counselor in Batavia, N.Y. for several years.

On Nov. 30, 1939, in Hornell, N.Y., she was born to Wayne and Helen (Lindsey) Potter.

On Feb. 4, 1961, in Hornell, N.Y., she married Marvin E. Schultz. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kathy and Paul Golliff of Auburn, and Karen Schultz of Dallas, Texas; and five grandchildren, Brian, Liz and Adam Nan and Ben and Jason Dillinger.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Bill Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

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Leslie Hertrich

LAGRANGE — Leslie L. Hertrich, 87, of Wolcottville died at 1 a.m. Saturday, March 19, 2005, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Hertrich was a metallurgist.

He was a member of St. Gasper Catholic Church at Rome City and the Moose Lodge in Oaklawn, Ill.

He was born June 16, 1917, in Milbank, S.D., to Edwin and Anna (Faehn) Hertrich. On Feb. 14, 1942, in Chicago, Ill., he married Maria J. Greco. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and William O'Donnell of Oak Forest, Ill., Elissa and Michael Lamb of Charlotte, N.C., and Leslie and Thomas Wzorek of Tinley Park, Ill.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Harlan and Frances Hertrich of Plainfield, Ill., John and Evelyn Hertrich of Lombard, Ill., and James and Leona Hertrich of Chicago; a sister, Audra Mentzer of Mountain Home, Ark.; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Hertrich.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Gasper Catholic Church with Father Matthew Josephiak officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or Masses.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Mark Richardson Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Mark Richardson Jr., 62, of Fort Wayne died Friday, March 18, 2005, at 2:14 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Richardson was a Vietnam War veteran and served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years as a structural mechanic and instructor.

After moving to Fort Wayne four years ago from Monrose, Pa., he was a driver for the Fort Wayne Auto Auction.

Mr. Richardson was a member of American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne.

He was born April 3, 1942, in Scranton, Pa., to Mark E. and Freda M. (Dailey) Richardson. On Nov. 16, 1963, in Montrose, Pa., he married Lorraine A. Tingley. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Mark A. Richardson of Lemoore, Calif.; a daughter, Joana M. Goddard of Avilla; and four grandchildren.

Services and calling will be private.

Memorials are to the family.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett was in charge of arrangements.

Arla Kauffman

ROME CITY — Arla Jane Kauffman, 76, of Rome City died Monday, March 21, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

For many years Mrs. Kauffman managed her family's restaurant, The Snow White Kitchen, at the corner of Calhoun and Creighton streets in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church at Rome City, American Legion Auxiliary in Rome City and a life member of the Kendallville VFW Auxiliary.

Mrs. Kauffman was born April 4, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Peter and Leone (Spaw) Davito. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Auburn. On May 12, 1992, in Las Vegas, she married K. Paul Kauffman. He survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Margaret Bushey of Bloomington; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Steven Taylor of Fort Wayne and Janet and Peter Hunter of Spencerville; two brothers, Richard Davito of Tulsa, Okla., and Michael Davito of Butler, Tenn.; three sisters, Nila Doberstein of Harlington, Texas, Emily Phillipe of Manalapan, N.J., and Antoinette Lundius of Grays Lake, Ill.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Allen.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Father Matt Jozefiak of St. Gaspar Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana or the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Richard Junk

FORT WAYNE — Richard J. Junk, 83, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, March 19, 2005, at Regency Place.

He had been a purchasing agent with Parkview Hospital for 20 years and was training chairman for Anthony Wayne Council of Boy Scouts of America.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge Maumee 725, Scottish Rite Mizpah Shrine Hospital Unit, and the Faith Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Jean V. Junk of Fort Wayne; four sons, Richard E. Junk of Auburn, William L. Junk of South Bend, Robert J. Junk of Lealand, Texas, and Donald G. Junk of New Haven; a daughter, Donna J. Barnett of New Haven; two stepsons, Seven E. and Michael W. Timmis, both of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was his first wife, Delores Junk.

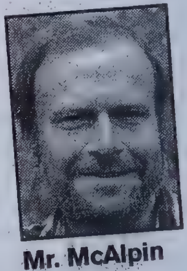
Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, where a Masonic service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Faith Baptist Church.

Marion McAlpin

EMPIRE, Colo. — Marion McAlpin, 46, of Empire, Colo., died Monday, March 21, 2005, at his home.



Mr. McAlpin

Mr. McAlpin graduated from DeKalb High School at Waterloo in 1978. He was a painter at Indian Springs Resort in Idaho Springs, Colo., and was a member of the Teamsters Union.

He was born Nov. 15, 1958, in Auburn.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Ed and Joan McAlpin of Fort Wayne; his mother, Betty (McEntarfer) McAlpin of Peru; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Bill McAlpin of Bunker Hill and David and Mary McAlpin of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Dianne and the Rev. Kenneth Walker of Peru; a niece, Amanda Walker; and three nephews, Matt McAlpin, James Walker and Dylan Walker.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Kenneth Walker will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Bashor Children's Home in Goshen.

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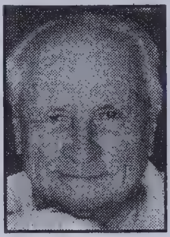
THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error from the funeral home.*

John 'Jack' Ehlers

KENDALLVILLE — John "Jack" Ehlers, 82, of Kendallville, died Friday, March 18, 2005, at his home.



Mr. Ehlers

He was a member of the U.S. Air Force during World War II, and retired as the comptroller at the Indiana Air National Guard unit in Fort Wayne.

He was a Kendallville High School graduate, and had attended Valparaiso University for two years in business and accounting. For many years he was the building inspector for the City of Kendallville.

Mr. Ehlers was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 86, the Francis Vinyard Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 and Elks Lodge 1194, all in Kendallville.

On Jan. 17, 1923, he was born to John P. and Bertha (Hausrath) Ehlers.

He married Betty Taylor on Oct. 11, 1946, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Mary Ehlers of Venice, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Chris and Larry Howard of Kendallville; three granddaughters, Megan Ehlers of Sarasota, Fla., and Angie Sibert and Summer Treesh, both of Kendallville; two great-grandsons, Kane Sibert of Kendallville and Caden Treesh of Kendallville; and two sisters, Lois Owen of Kendallville and Mickey Busch of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery of Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and one hour before services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent or the online guest book signed at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ruby Stringfellow

ELKHART — Ruby Stringfellow, 94, of Elkhart died Saturday, March 19, 2005, at East Lake Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Elkhart.

Mrs. Stringfellow had spent most of her life in Noble County and was a homemaker. She had moved to Phoenix, Ariz., when she was 75 and had lived in Elkhart the past nine years.

Mrs. Stringfellow was a member of Albion Presbyterian Church and a 76-year member of the Prentice Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She enjoyed playing and teaching the piano and organ and had played the organ for Albion Presbyterian Church and the Prentice Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Albion.

Mrs. Stringfellow also enjoyed going on picnics.

She was born July 7, 1910, in Noble County to Sherman and Flossie (Trumbull) Rimmel. On May 31, 1930, in Albion, she married Arthur Stringfellow. He died in November 1984.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Hal and Bette Stringfellow of Mulberry, Fla., and Dick and Rose Stringfellow of St. Cloud, Fla.; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Aaron, Roscoe and Bernard Rimmel, and two sisters, Beth Breeden and Edith Frymier.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home with Eastern Star services by Albion Prentice Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Prentice Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

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George Herman Jr.

COLDWATER, Mich. — George Frank Herman Jr., 91, of Coldwater, Mich., died Saturday, March 19, 2005, at the Community Health Center of Branch County. He had been in failing health after a recent hip fracture.

Mr. Herman was born Feb. 1, 1914, in Butler Township, Mich., to George Frank and Nellie Bard Herman. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1933 and worked on the family farm with his parents until 1936 when they moved to Coldwater. After that, he worked for Solon Tuper Farm Implement Store and drove a truck for the Coldwater Dairy Co. until 1942 when he volunteered for a tour of duty in the U.S. Army.

In June 1946, he married Lucile M. Roth and built a home at Coldwater Lake. He worked at Midwest Foundry. Lucile preceded him in death in 1958.

On June 3, 1967, he and Janet L. Robinson were married in the Robinson home on North Monroe Street in Coldwater. She survives.

Mr. Herman retired from Midwest Foundry in 1976 after 25 years of service. He was a member of the Branch County, Mich., Historical Society and served on the board for many years. He was appointed co-chairman with his wife, Janet, to serve on the Mayor's Historic District Study Committee.

He was a member and past commodore of the Coldwater Lake Sailing Club and served as mayor of Sans Souci Beach. He was interested in antiques, and enjoyed collecting and restoring old gas engines and tractors. He enjoyed traveling and fishing.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, George Dean and Teresa Herman and Philip Harold Herman, all of Coldwater; a daughter and son-in-law, Laura Herman and Matt Distel of Cincinnati, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul Bard and Phyllis Herman; and two grandchildren and a grandson-in-law, Heather Herman and Justin Wood and Thomas Edward Herman, all of Coldwater.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Herman Houck and Rae Herman Kleindist, and a brother, Carl Herman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Bethel Gilead Community Church, Coldwater. A gathering for family and friends will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at 73 N. Monroe St., Coldwater.

Memorials are to the Branch County District Library, Coldwater.

Online tributes and condolences can be left at www.putnamfuneralhome.com.

Howard Frick

STURGIS, Mich. — Howard Paul Frick, 88, of Sturgis died Monday, March 21, 2005, at Thurston Woods Village in Sturgis.

Mr. Frick moved to Sturgis in 1954 from Kendallville.

In 1975 he retired from Indiana Head Truck Line in Sturgis as a driver following 25 years of service. Prior to joining Indiana Head, he had transported milk for 10 years.

He attended Sturgis Wesleyan Church in Sturgis and enjoyed fishing.

He was born July 15, 1916, in Noble County, to George and Ethel (Fisher) Frick. On April 21, 1940, in Kendallville, he married Marjorie Trowbridge.

He is survived by a daughter, Brenda Bull of Atwater, Calif.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Duane and Jane Frick of Shipshewana and Dean Frick of San Francisco, Calif.; a brother, William Frick of Spokane, Wash.; three granddaughters, Cindy Arnold, Bethany Clopp and Christina Chapin all of Texas; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard Frick.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Sturgis Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Brian Poole officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home of Sturgis.

Memorials are to the Sturgis Wesleyan Church.

Minnie Hollinger

FORT WAYNE — Minnie Hollinger, 87, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne.

A former Garrett resident, Mrs. Hollinger was a domestic engineer and attended the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Mrs. Hollinger

She married Delbert O. Hollinger on Dec. 20, 1936, in Newville. He died in 1993.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Jim McKeever of LaOtto; two sons and daughters-in-law, Wilbur and Joyce Hollinger of Garrett and Danny and Crystal Hollinger of Garrett; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; a stepgreat-great-grandchild; and three brothers, Charles Warstler, Lester Warstler and Robert Warstler.

She was preceded in death by a son, Raymond Hollinger; her parents, Orange and Ethel (Long) Warstler; two brothers, Perry Warstler and Walter Warstler; and a sister, Ruth Dirrim.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church, Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Catherine Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Catherine Rose Smith, 68, of Kendallville and formerly of Hillsdale, Mich., died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Smith had been employed at Fabricon in Grabill for many years and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Smith

She was born Aug. 1, 1936, in Allen County near Harlan to Robert and Vivian (Louden) Botteron. They are deceased. On Jan. 29, 1955, in the Church of Christ in Harlan, she married Parnell Jr. Smith. He died Aug. 2, 1997.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Jackie Houlton of Angola, Beverly and Ed Couburn of Florida, Tina and Nicholas Myers of Kendallville and Janeen and Robert Green of Bryan, Ohio; two brothers, James Botteron of Kendallville and Robert Botteron of Harlan; two sisters, Shirley Schmidt of Fort Wayne and Sally Lake of Woodburn; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Bill Botteron.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken Weaver of Parkview Noble Hospice officiating.

There will be no calling or burial services.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Mary Clark

FORT WAYNE — Mary W. Clark, 81, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 21, 2005 at the Lutheran Home.

She was retired from her work as a nurse's aide at the Veterans Administration Medical Center and Byron Health Care. She also had worked at Patterson-Fletcher.

A native of West Virginia, she was a longtime Fort Wayne resident and a member of the Sherman Street Church of God.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Christine Clark of Andrews, Tom and Cathy Clark of New Haven and Jay and Judi Clark of Hudson; a sister, Virginia Dobson of Fraziers Bottom, W.Va.; a brother, Thomas Carrier of Nitro, W.Va.; grandchildren Betty Ann Graham of Fort Wayne, Adam Clark of Huntington, Lori Forker of Fort Wayne, Jamie Clark of New Haven, Wendy Rice of Ashley, Erica Clark of Angola, Dane Clark of Hicksville, Ohio, and Phillip Rice of Hudson; and nine great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Edgar L. Clark, preceded her in death in 1987.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Friday from noon to 1 p.m.. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lutheran Home.

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Mary Smyth

KENDALLVILLE — Mary "May" Smyth, 72, of Kendallville died at 8:25 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Smyth

Mrs. Smyth had worked in retail sales most of her life.

She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Smyth was born March 3, 1933, in Belfast, Northern Ireland to Walter and Mary (Crooks) Thompson. On June 4, 1952, in Belfast, she married Neville Smyth. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Keith Carson Smyth of Belville, Mich.; and two granddaughters, Jaclyn Marie and Karly May.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Toole of Faith United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Thank You from Our Family to the Albion Community

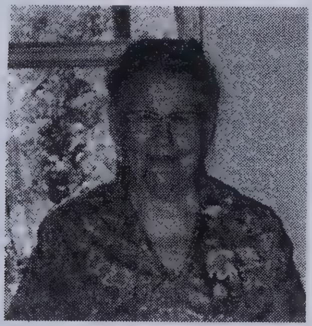
The family of Cheryl Lynne (Matteson) Leatherman would like to thank all who sent cards, prepared food, offered thoughts or prayers on our behalf during the illness and subsequent passing of our beloved wife, daughter, mother and grandmother.

Whether you sent cards, flowers or gifted in Cheryl's name, your generosity has touched our hearts and eased our sorrow during this difficult time.

Our family has always had a deep affinity for this community. Your outpouring of support and care has reaffirmed our belief and commitment to the Albion Community.

Respectfully,

Keith, Ron, Lori, Faye, Taylor and Brett Leatherman
Linda Matteson



Lana Myers, 90

LIGONIER — Lana I. Myers, 90, of Ligonier died Thursday, March 17, 2005, at 7:50 p.m. at Kendallville Manor Healthcare in Kendallville.

Mrs. Myers was a lifelong Noble County resident. She was a member of Pentecostal Apostolic Church of Goshen.

Mrs. Myers was a God-loving, giving person who enjoyed gardening and fishing. She also loved animals and was a blessing to her family and friends.

She was born May 20, 1914, in Etna (Whitley County) to Samuel Nathan and Margaret (Murphy) Twaits.

She had been married to Jerry O. Lawson, Paul Grate and Chester Myers. They all preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stan and Sandy Lawson of Avilla; three daughters and sons-in-law, Lana S. and LeRoy Murphy of Fort Wayne, Nancy C. and Donald Tepin of Fort Wayne, and Ann and Terry Askren of Albion; a stepson, Basil Myers of Columbia City; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Betty Bratt of Columbia City, and Devona and Jim Berg of Albion; 14 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and many great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Zollie Twaits; a daughter, Paula Clatterbaugh; a stepson, James Grate; a great-grandson, Hunter Askren; and a great-granddaughter, Melinda Lawson.

Services were held Monday, March 21, 2005, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Rev. Bill Parks of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier officiated.

Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Mark Richardson Jr., 62

FORT WAYNE — Mark Richardson Jr., 62, of Fort Wayne died Friday, March 18, 2005, at the VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Richardson was a Vietnam War veteran and served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years as a structural mechanic and instructor.

After moving to Fort Wayne four years ago from Monrose, Pa., he was a driver for the Fort Wayne Auto Auction.

Mr. Richardson was a member of American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne.

He was born April 3, 1942, in Scranton, Pa., to Mark E. and Freda M. (Dailey) Richardson. On Nov. 16, 1963, in Montrose, Pa., he married Lorraine A. Tingley. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Mark A. Richardson of Lemoore, Calif.; a daughter, Joana M. Goddard of Avilla; and four grandchildren.

Services and calling were private.

Memorials are to the family.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett was in charge of arrangements.

THE NEW ERA

March 23 2005 Albion, Indiana

Ruby Stringfellow, 94

ELKHART — Ruby Stringfellow, 94, of Elkhart died Saturday, March 19, 2005, at East Lake Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Elkhart.

Mrs. Stringfellow had spent most of her life in Noble County and was a homemaker. She had moved to Phoenix, Ariz., when she was 75 and had lived in Elkhart the past nine years.

Mrs. Stringfellow was a member of Albion Presbyterian Church and a 76-year member of the Prentice Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She enjoyed playing and teaching the piano and organ and had played the organ for Albion Presbyterian Church and the Prentice Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Albion.

Mrs. Stringfellow also enjoyed going to picnics.

She was born July 7, 1910, in Noble County to Sherman and Flossie (Trumbull) Rimmel. On May 31, 1930, in Albion, she married Arthur Stringfellow. He died in November 1984.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Hal and Bette Stringfellow of Mulberry, Fla., and Dick and Rose Stringfellow of St. Cloud, Fla.; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Aaron, Roscoe and Bernard Rimmel, and two sisters, Beth Breeden and Edith Frymier.

Services were held Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Burial wias in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to Prentice Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Juanita Quinley, 80

GRUNDY, VA — Juanita Gertrude Quinley, 80, of Grundy, Va., died Friday, March 18, 2005, at the home of her daughter, Linda Osborne following an extended illness.

She had been a resident of Buchanan County for several years and was a member of the Garden Creek Church of Christ, a former factory worker and a homemaker.

Born in McDowell County, W. Va., she was the daughter of Robert D. and Annie (Cypress) Beavers.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond and Betty Quinley of Albion, and Dallas and Linda Quinley of Rome City; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Ruby and Kelly Church, Linda and Ellis Osborne, Shirley and Bud Ratliff, Julie Looney and Mary Hurley, all of Grundy; a sister, Zella Cook of Grundy; 28 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Benjamin Franklin Quinley, on Sept. 17, 1989; a daughter, Ora Mae Mullins; two brothers, Lawrence and Elmer Beavers; three grandsons, James White, Terry and Tommy Mullins; and her parents.

Services were held Monday, March 21, 2005, in the Grundy Funeral Home Chapel, Grundy, Va., with evangelists Michael Trent and Bill Boyd officiating. Burial was in Mountain Valley Memorial Park at Big Rock, Va.

Condolences may sent to the family at _www.grundyfuneralhome.com_.

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Venice Grubaugh

HAVILAND, Ohio — Venice Grubaugh, 89, formerly f Haviland died at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at Golden Rule Nursing Home in Richmond, Ind.

Mrs. Grubaugh had taught at schools in Melrose, Grover Hill, Fort Wayne and Van Wert and retired in 1976.

She was a graduate of Bowling Green State University and Saint Francis College.

Mrs. Grubaugh was a life member of the National Education Association and a member of the Van Wert County Women's Club, Paulding County Retired Teachers Association, Van Wert County Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma honorary teachers society and the National Association for the Mentally Ill of East Central Indiana.

She had attended Calvary Evangelical Church and Ravinia Park Baptist Church.

She was born June 16, 1915, in Paulding County to Edward and Evah (Proxmire) Finegan. On March 10, 1939, she married T. Lynn Grubaugh. He died April 19, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, P. James and Maureen Grubaugh of Haviland and Donald G. and Julia Grubaugh of LaOtto, Ind.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue Lynne and Ray Raby of Richmond, Ind.; two sisters, Katherine Miller of Milledgeville, Ga., and Joe Ann Finegan of Rockford; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Agnes Croy, and two brothers, Paul O. Finegan and Gordon G. Finegan.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Cowan & Son Funeral Home, 616 S. Washington St., Van Wert, with the Rev. Charles McMahan Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Blue Creek Cemetery near Paulding.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the cemetery.

Memorials are to Ravinia Park Baptist Church.

Caterer Parson dies at 66

LIGONIER — Janice Parson, 66, of Ligonier died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Parson

Mrs. Parson owned and operated Jan's Catering in Ligonier for 21 years before being forced into retirement due to illness.

She enjoyed cooking and accompanying her husband when he delivered RVs.

Mrs. Parson was a 1956 graduate of Silver Lake School. She gave her life to Christ in 1954 and became a member of Silver Lake United Methodist Church.

She was born Nov. 6, 1938, in Disko, Ind., to Charles and Geneva (Madeford) Florey. On March 30, 1957, in Wabash, she married Dean A. Parson. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Valerie Parson of New Haven and Greg and Carmel Parson of Rome City; a daughter, Laura Scott of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Dixie and Terry Goodrich of South Whitley; two brothers and three sisters-in-law, Leo and Norma Florey of Silver Lake, Monte and Mary Florey of Leesburg and Sharon Florey of North Manchester; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Joyce and Jim Emerick of Florida, Carol and Orville Owens of Warsaw, Tony and Barb Parson of North Manchester, and Max and Louise Parson of Wabash; many nieces and nephews; childhood friends, Ruth Alice Druge Cox of Huntington and Serita Ring Leiter of Arizona; and six grandchildren, John, Chad, Tabitha, Ethan, Nicholas and Thalia.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Teena Lynn; her parents; her in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Parson; a brother, Larry Florey; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Robert and Patricia Parson; a niece, Heather Florey; and a nephew, Michael Emerick.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness and the Rev. Robert A. Vick officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Goshen Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

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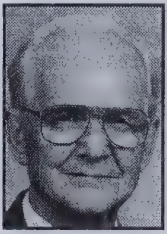
March 24 2005 Kendallville, Indiana

Lawrence Herendeen

FORT WAYNE — Lawrence Herendeen, 86, of Fort Wayne died at 4:15 a.m. Saturday, March 19, 2005, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.



Mr. Herendeen

Mr. Herendeen had been a purchasing agent for McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville for 20 years and was also the owner of the Suburban Salon.

He was U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Herendeen attended The Chapel. He volunteered at Lutheran Hospital and the Community Harvest Food Bank.

He was a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville and a past president of the Kendallville Lions Club and past member of the Kendallville Jaycees.

He was born Jan. 27, 1919, in Kendallville to John Ditman and Grace Ann (Rutledge) Herendeen.

Surviving are two daughters, Babette "Babs" Zimmerman and Val Herendeen, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Ervin Herendeen of Kendallville; a sister, Mildred Kane of Sarasota, Fla.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

His wife, Patricia Runge Herendeen, died in 1999.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road, with the Rev. Rick Hawks officiating. Military services are by members of American Legion Post 86 and the Francis Vineyard VFW Post in Kendallville.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or to The Chapel.

Northeast Indiana Creamation Socity is in charge of arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Mary Smyth

KENDALLVILLE — Mary "May" Smyth, 72, of Kendallville died at 8:25 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Smyth

Mrs. Smyth had worked in retail sales most of her life.

She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Smyth was born March 3, 1933, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, to Walter and Mary (Crooks) Thompson. On June 4, 1952, in Belfast, she married Neville Smyth. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Keith Carson Smyth of Belville, Mich.; and two granddaughters, Jaclyn Marie and Karly May.

She was preceded in death by a son, Alan Maxwell Smyth, on July 11, 1992.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Toole of Faith United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Howard Smeltzer

LAGRANGE — Retired teacher and Prairie Heights athletic director Howard L. Smeltzer Jr., 67, of LaGrange died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smeltzer had moved to LaGrange in 1971 from Elkhart.

He was a member of the National Education Association, the Indiana State Teachers Association and the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators.

Mr. Smeltzer was born May 30, 1937, in Elkhart to Howard L. Sr. and V. Lucile (Bloss) Smeltzer. They are deceased. On Aug. 6, 1971, in Elkhart, he married Charleen (Holsinger) Gaetz. She survives.

Also surviving are two stepdaughters, Debra Hall of Richmond and Sara Gaetz and her husband, David Parkinson, of Canal Winchester, Ohio; a stepson and his wife, Warren Gaetz and Karen Shackett of Williston, Vt.; a sister, Janice Combs of Elkhart; four grandchildren, Allison Hall, Katie Hall, Geoffrey Gaetz and Cameron Gaetz; and a nephew, Brian Hensley.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Circle Cemetery at Hudson with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Prairie Heights School Corp. Scholarship Fund.

THE NEWS-SUN

March 24 2005 Kendallville, Indiana

William Spannagel

ALBION — William T. Spannagel, 69, of Skinner Lake near Albion died at 6:19 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2205, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Spannagel had retired from International Harvester after 30 years of service. He had spent most of his life in Noble County.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla and a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Mr. Spannagel had attended Kendallville High School. He was a member of the American Legion and enjoyed fishing and camping.

He was born Sept. 22, 1935, in Detroit, Mich., to Theodore and Velva (Gates) Spannagel. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Belinda Goodrich of Indianapolis; a sister, Olive Hinkley of Kendallville; a grandson, David Piland of Indianapolis; and four stepgrandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Kent Spannagel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, rural Albion.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Isaac Williams

WOLCOTTVILLE — Isaac E. Williams, 55, of Wolcottville died at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient for 12 days.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Anna Fisher

AUBURN — Anna Mary (Rakoczy) Fisher, 92, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Loraine, Ohio, Mrs. Fisher was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John the Fisher Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband of 68 years, Stanley Russell Fisher Sr. of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stanley Fisher Jr. and Carolyn Fisher of Pleasant Lake and Frank and Kathy Fisher of Leo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Vera and Larry Leon of Auburn, Morene and Joseph Krempl of Seattle, Wash., and Marilynn and Richard Thulin of Sea Tac, Wash.; 26 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

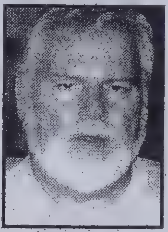
She was preceded in death by her parents, Anna (Phmosh) and Frank Rakoczy; two brothers, Frank and John Rakoczy; six sisters, Helen Rakoczy, Mary Wilfong, Elizabeth Gephart, Sophie Roberts, Martha Nichols and Ethel Rakoczy; a grandson, John; and a great-grandson, Kevin.

Services are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or St. John the Fisher Catholic Church.

Raymond Gardner

ANGOLA — Raymond D. Gardner, 59, of Angola died Monday, March 21, 2005, in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Gardner

Mr. Gardner was born March 15, 1946, in Angola to Carl and Mary (Longenecker) Gardner. He was married to Diana Greiner on May 11, 1985. She survives.

He was a truck driver for Letica Freight Lines.

Also surviving are his mother, Mary Gardner of Fremont; a son, Douglas Gardner of Angola; four daughters, Julie Gardner Brown of Fremont, Jeannie Gardner Hancock of Angola, Heather Gardner Gallant of Jackson, Mich., and Shelly Taraschke of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Tom Gardner of Hamilton; two sisters, Linda Wheeler and Nancy Jones, both of Angola; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Fremont Community Center, Fremont. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Victory Junction Gang Camp, 4500 Adam's Way, Randleman, NC 27317.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

March 24 2005 Ligonier, Indiana

Amy Martinez loses battle with cancer

LIGONIER — Amy M. Martinez, 30, of Ligonier, died at 2:40 a.m. Saturday, March 19, 2005, at her mother's residence.

She was born Feb. 11, 1975, in Kendallville to Rick Richards and Frances Baker. They survive.

Amy Martinez

She was a mother, homemaker, a lifelong Ligonier resident and loved to spend time with her family. She enjoyed shopping, reading and writing poetry, and also loved animals, especially the family cat, Salem.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are three sons, Luis Martinez, 14, Francisco Chavez, 9, and Michael Chavez, 6, all at home; a daughter, Karmin Martinez, 12, at home; a brother, David DePew of Wolcottville; two sisters, Angela Hall of Butler and Erin Collazo of Cromwell; and a stepmother, Elisha Richards of Ligonier.

Services were Tuesday, March 22 in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Friends plan to carry on with fund-raiser for family

A benefit planned for the family of Amy Martinez will continue as planned for April 16 at the Cromwell Community Center.

Friends have been planning the event for several weeks.

Amy left four children, and the event will be for them, as well as the family as they cope with medical expenses from her illness.

The evening will feature a concert from "Falling on Faith," a local Christian band.

Events are from 6 to 8 p.m.

Call Nicole Gonzalez at 894-2019 for more information.

Jan Parson services are Saturday

LIGONIER — Janice Parson, 66 of Ligonier, died Tuesday March 22 at her home.

She graduated from Silver Lake School in 1956 and also became a member of the Silver Lake Methodist Church in 1954. Parson also owned and operated Jan's Catering Service in Ligonier for 21 years before retiring due to illness. To her, catering was not just a business but an enjoyment as well. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband, who delivered RV's all over the country.

Mrs. Parson

She was born in Disco, Indiana on November 6, 1938 to Charles and Geneva (Medford) Florey.

On March 30, 1957 she was married to Dean A. Parson in Wabash, Indiana and have spent 48 years together. He survives.

Also surviving are her children, Doug and Valerie Parson of New Haven; Laura Scott of Ligonier; and Greg and Carmel Parson of Rome City; her grandchildren: John, Chad, Tabitha, Ethan, Nicholas and Thalia; her sister, Dixie, and brother-in-law Terry Goodrich of South Whitley; brothers and sister-in-law Leo and Norma Florey of Silver Lake; Monte and Mary Florey of Leesburg; sister-in-law Sharon Florey of North Manchester; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Joyce and Jim Emerick of Florida; Carol and Orville Owens of Warsaw; Tony and Barb Parson of North Manchester; Max and Louise Parson of Wabash; many nieces, nephews and childhood friends Ruth Alice Drudge Cox of Huntington and Serita Ring of Leiter, Arizona.

She was preceeded in death by her baby daughter, Teena Lynn; her parents, Charles and Geneva Florey; parents-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Parson; brother Larry Florey; brother-in-law and his wife Robert and Patricia Parson; niece Heather Florey and nephew Michael Emerick.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday March 26 at the Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Revs. Jean Ness and Robert A. Vick officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetary.

Calling will be Friday, March 25 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Goshen Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

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Lana Myers

Lana I. Myers, 90, of Ligonier died Thursday, March 17, 2005, at 7:50 p.m. at Kendallville Manor Healthcare in Kendallville.

Mrs. Myers was a lifelong Noble County resident. She was a member of Pentecostal Apostolic Church of Goshen.

Mrs. Myers

Mrs. Myers was a God-loving, giving person who enjoyed gardening and fishing. She also loved animals and was a blessing to her family and friends.

She was born May 20, 1914, in Etna (Whitley County) to Samuel Nathan and Margaret (Murphy) Twaits.

She had been married to Jerry O. Lawson, Paul Grate and Chester Myers. They all preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stan and Sandy Lawson of Avilla; three daughters and sons-in-law, Lana S. and LeRoy Murphy of Fort Wayne, Nancy C. and Donald Tepin of Fort Wayne, and Ann and Terry Askren of Albion; a stepson, Basil Myers of Columbia City; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Betty Bratt of Columbia City, and Devona and Jim Berg of Albion; 14 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and many great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Zollie Twaits; a daughter, Paula Clatterbaugh; a stepson, James Grate; a great-grandson, Hunter Askren; and a great-granddaughter, Melinda Lawson.

Services were Monday, March 21 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bill Parks of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier officiating.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

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Isaac Williams

SOUTH MILFORD — Isaac Edward "Ed" Williams, 55, of South Milford died at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital where he had been a patient 12 days.

Mr. Williams grew up in Floyd County, Ky. He moved to Noble County when he was 17.

He was a truck driver for Maple Tree in Elkhart. Prior to that he had driven trucks for Shenandoah and Star Fleet in Auburn.

Mr. Williams was a very active member of the Kendallville Assembly of God where he had served many years as a deacon.

He enjoyed watching Kentucky basketball, hunting, fishing, horses, pets, old cars, traveling, being outdoors and spending time with his family.

He was born Feb. 22, 1950, in Albion, Mich., to John E. and Opal Wanitta Williams. They are deceased. On Feb. 6, 1971, in Albion, Mich., he married Kathryn E. Coplin. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and his finacee, Joshua Williams and Rebecca Thews of South Milford; a daughter and her fiance, Melinda Williams and Travis Stackhouse of South Milford; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Pauline and Jack Nelson of Las Vegas and Patricia and Scott Mills of Frankfort, Ill.; his in-laws, Irvin and Barbara Coplin of Avilla; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Gloria Paulsen, Dianne Williams, Lillian Williams, Sharon Niccum, Bruce and Sharon Coplin and Christine and Kenneth Butler; nieces he helped raise, Karon Parker, Janie Conway and Sharon Greer; and several other nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by five brothers, John E. Williams Jr., Michael Williams, Ralph Williams, Joseph Williams and James Niccum; and a sister, Barbara Wright.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Carter Hicks and the Rev. Tom Neddersen officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to Kendallville Assembly of God.

John Pearce Jr.

FORT WAYNE — John William Pearce Jr., 66, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Indiana Heart Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. Pearce was a tool grinder with Navistar for 45 years and an emergency medical technician and firefighter. He was an Indiana UAW representative and former president of the board of Indiana Citizens Action Coalition.

He loved sailing and boating and was proud to be of Miami Indian heritage.

Surviving are three daughters, Elizabeth Evans of Perth, Australia, Laura Pearce of Syracuse and Nicole Hickson of Fort Wayne; a son, John Henry William Pearce of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and three sisters, Marcia Hulbert of Auburn, Gina Watkins of Herndon, Va., and Stacy Pearce of Florida.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

No services are planned.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

A. Pauline McPheters

ALBION — A. Pauline McPheters, 94, of Albion died at 7:28 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient for five days.

Mrs. McPheters was a lifetime Noble County resident and had lived at Skinner Lake for the past 40 years.

She was a graduate of Albion High School and International Business College in Fort Wayne. She had retired as bookkeeper for Central Noble Motors (formerly Leatherman Ford) in Albion.

She was a former member of the Union Ladies Aid. Mrs. McPheters enjoyed traveling.

Mrs. McPheters was born Aug. 30, 1910, in Noble County near Albion to Charles and Myrtle (Rimmel) Weimer. Her husband, Kenneth McPheters, is deceased.

Surviving are a stepson and his wife, Alan and Viola Hass of Skinner Lake; two granddaughters and their husbands, Marla and Mark Griffin and Lana and Joel Hoard; and a great-granddaughter, Rachel Griffin.

She was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Pastor Doug Keenan officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Sweet Cemetery restoration fund.

Dorothy Kaiser

CLAYTON, Mich. — Dorothy Kaiser, 87, of Clayton, Mich., died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Lenawee County Medical Care Facility in Adrian, Mich.

Mrs. Kaiser was born March 2, 1918, in Waterloo to Wesley and Olive Dell (Koch) McBride. They preceded her in death.

She graduated from Waterloo High School.

She married Donald William Kaiser on Nov. 19, 1938, in Waterloo, and he died Nov. 9, 1969.

She moved to Adrian in 1945 and then to Clayton in 1955.

She was an active member of the Clayton United Methodist Church, serving in the choir, as a Sunday school teacher and board member. She was a former officer of the Clayton Extension Club, Clayton Women Club, Pythian Sisters and Past Chief's Club.

She worked for Hudson Area Schools in Michigan for more than 25 years as food service manager.

She will be remembered by her family and friends for her friendly hugs.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and William Frey of Adrian, Marsha and Thomas Stiverson of Hillsdale, Mich., and Sandra and Mike Garrison of Toledo, Ohio; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Trudy Camp, Wendy and Roy Cadieux, Kris Ann and Henry Nieto, Kelley Camp, Mark and Kyong Stiverson, Lori Stiverson and Grant Garrison; 13 great-grandchildren, Rici, Kelsie, Kevin and Michael Cadieux, A.J., Jared and Tre' Nieto, Kyleigh and Brandon Camp, Nick and Riley Amador, and Sam and Mina Kim-Stiverson; a sister, Donna Jean Tomkinson of Illinois; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Vivian Wyburn and Geneva Colvin.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Brown-Van Hemert Funeral Home, 504 W. Main St., Hudson, Mich., with the Rev. Craig Pillow officiating. Burial will be in North Dover Cemetery at Clayton.

Calling will be today from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Clayton United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left at www.brownvanhemert.com.

Judy Cunningham

AUBURN — Judy M. Cunningham, 58, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Born in Kansas City, Mo., she was a truck driver for Pat Carter Transport for eight years.

Surviving are two sons, Marvin Wayne Axsom Jr. of Auburn and Paul Henry Axsom of Texas; a daughter, Donna Marie Johnston of Auburn; a brother, Terry Driling of Mesa, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Charles Morgan Jr.

There will be no services or calling.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Lorema Starr

HOWE — Lorema H. Starr, 94, of Howe died Thursday, March 24, 2005, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Starr was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County.

She had retired from Buy-Lo Food Market in Sturgis, Mich.

Mrs. Starr was a member of the Moose Lodge in Sturgis.

She was born Oct. 22, 1910, in LaGrange County to Oliver Lewis and Myrtie Viola (Dunker) Fetch. On March 12, 1929, in LaGrange she married Owen Ray Hawkins. He died in May 1945. On Jan. 9, 1947, in Burr Oak, Mich., she married Donald Starr. He died in February 1965.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Betty Jane and Ralph Stutzman of Howe and Margaret Lucille and Donald Patterson of Burr Oak; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Joan Hawkins of Sturgis; a stepdaughter, Rita Frisbie of San Diego, Calif.; two sisters, Adah Strauss of Jackson, Mich., and Lauretta Johnson of Burr Oak; 11 grandchildren; and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Mary Buono; a stepson, Rex Starr; and two brothers, John Orville Fetch and D. Lewis Fetch.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Sturgis.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Anna Fisher

AUBURN — Anna Mary (Rakoczy) Fisher, 92, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Loraine, Ohio, Mrs. Fisher was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John the Fisher Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband of 68 years, Stanley Russell Fisher Sr. of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stanley Fisher Jr. and Carolyn Fisher of Pleasant Lake and Frank and Kathy Fisher of Leo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Vera and Larry Leon of Auburn, Morene and Joseph Krempl of Seattle, Wash., and Marilynn and Richard Thulin of Sea Tac, Wash.; 26 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anna (Phmosh) and Frank Rakoczy; two brothers, Frank and John Rakoczy; six sisters, Helen Rakoczy, Mary Wilfong, Elizabeth Gephart, Sophie Roberts, Martha Nichols and Ethel Rakoczy; a grandson, John; and a great-grandson, Kevin.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home. A rosary service will begin at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

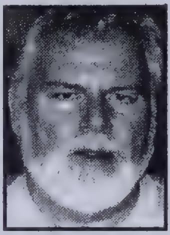
Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or St. John the Fisher Catholic Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct an error.*

Raymond Gardner

ANGOLA — Raymond D. Gardner, 59, of Angola died Monday, March 21, 2005, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gardner was born March 15, 1946, in Angola to Carl and Mary (Longenecker) Gardner. He was married to Diana Greiner on May 11, 1985. She survives.



Mr. Gardner

He was a truck driver for Letica Freight Lines.

Also surviving are his mother, Mary Gardner of Fremont; a son, Douglas Gardner of Angola; four daughters, Julie Gardner Brown of Fremont, Jeannie Gardner Hancock of Angola, Heather Gardner Gallant of Jackson, Mich., and Shelly Taraschke of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Tom Gardner of Hamilton; two sisters, Linda Wheeler and Nancy Jones, both of Angola; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Fremont Community Center, Fremont. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Victory Junction Gang Camp, 4500 Adam's Way, Randleman, NC 27317.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Melva O. Eddy

ANGOLA — Melva O. Eddy, 66, of Angola died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 6, 1939, in Washington, D.C., to William and Elizabeth Morlan Outland. She married John Homer Eddy Jr. on June 22, 1963. He survives.

Mrs. Eddy lived in Angola for 41 years, moving from Ohio. She graduated from Kent State University with a bachelor of science degree and from St. Francis College with two master's degrees.

She taught English at Prairie Heights High School. She attended First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola.

Along with her husband, survivors include a son, Joel Eddy of Richard, Va.; a daughter, Julie Penix of Lexington, Ky.; and three grandchildren, Hannah, Hailey and Grace.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ with the Rev. Deb Davis officiating. A luncheon will follow for family and friends.

Memorials may be made to the church or Prairie Heights High School.

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Opal Hostetler

STURGIS, Mich. — Opal M. Hostetler, 89, of Sturgis died at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, March 24, 2005, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mrs. Hostetler was a homemaker. She was a member of the Eastern Star Chapter in Sturgis, the White Shrine and the Pythian Sisters.

She had been a Girl Scout leader and the secretary of her bowling league.

Mrs. Hostetler was born Feb. 22, 1916, in LaGrange County to Stanley V. and Bertha (Strawser) Smith. On Jan. 27, 1936, in LaGrange she married Dey E. Hostetler. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Linda Hostetler of Sturgis; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rosalie and David Huben of South Dakota and Sharon and Royce Shears of Sturgis; 11 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Cremation will take place and services will be at a later date.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence Robinson

FORT WAYNE — Lawrence D. Robinson, 38, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 21, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Robinson was a self-employed home remodeling contractor.

He was born June 4, 1966, in Fort Wayne to Homer and Shirley Robinson. His father died in August 1972, and his mother died in April 2004.

Surviving are two brothers, Mark Adsit of Fort Wayne and Kent Adsit of Muncie; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Susan and Ernest Bartlett of Kendallville and Carrie and Charles Taylor of Greenfield; an uncle, David Michel of LaCrosse, Wis.; two aunts, Joan McCurdy and her husband, Stan, of LaCrosse and Darlene Standiford of Onalaska, Wis.; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home.

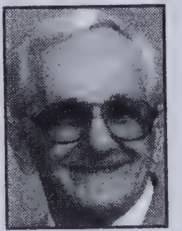
Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Charles Price

SYRACUSE — Charles Edward "Ed" Price, 87, of Syracuse died Friday, March 25, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

He lived in Noble County as a child, moving first to Howe and then to Syracuse in 1959. He attended New Paris High School, and worked for 15 years at Syracuse Rubber, retiring in May 1982. He also worked at I.X.L. Cabinet Co. in Goshen.

On July 28, 1940, in Cosperville, he married Eleanor J. Hunter. He was a member of North Webster Church of God and its J.O.Y. senior group. He enjoyed ballroom dancing and square dancing.



Mr. Price

Surviving are his wife, of Syracuse; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dee Ann Pifer of Syracuse, Gloria and Don Edwards of Auburn and Sandi and George Lung of Pierceton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Anita Price of Cromwell and Gary and Sharon Price of Syracuse; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Virgil Price of Ligonier and Robert and Ilene Price of Defiance, Ohio; and a sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Kenton Miller of Cromwell.

A sister, Betty LeMieux, preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at North Webster Church of God on S.R. 13, with Pastor Jeff Boyer officiating. Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Melva O. Eddy

ANGOLA — Melva O. Eddy, 66, of Angola died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 6, 1939, in Washington, D.C., to William and Elizabeth Morlan Outland. She married John Homer Eddy Jr. on June 22, 1963. He survives.

Mrs. Eddy lived in Angola for 41 years, moving from Ohio. She graduated from Kent State University with a bachelor of science degree and from St. Francis University with two master's degrees.

She taught English at Prairie Heights High School. She attended First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola.

Along with her husband, survivors include a son, Joel Eddy of Richard, Va.; a daughter, Julie Penix of Lexington, Ky.; and three grandchildren, Hannah, Hailey and Grace.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ with the Rev. Deb Davis officiating. A luncheon will follow for family and friends.

Memorials may be made to the church or Prairie Heights High School.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the church or the Shriners, and can be made at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, or the church.

To send condolences, sign the register or light a memorial candle, visit www.demoney-grimes.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

A. Pauline McPheters

ALBION — A. Pauline McPheters, 94, of Albion died at 7:28 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient for five days.

Mrs. McPheters was a lifetime Noble County resident and had lived at Skinner Lake for the past 40 years.

She was a graduate of Albion High School and International Business College in Fort Wayne. She had retired as bookkeeper for Central Noble Motors (formerly Leatherman Ford) in Albion.

She was a former member of the Union Ladies Aid. Mrs. McPheters enjoyed traveling.

Mrs. McPheters was born Aug. 30, 1910, in Noble County near Albion to Charles and Myrtle (Rimmel) Weimer. Her husband, Kenneth McPheters, is deceased.

Surviving are a stepson and his wife, Alan and Viola Hass of Skinner Lake; two granddaughters and their husbands, Marla and Mark Griffin and Lana and Joel Hoard; and a great-granddaughter, Rachel Griffin.

She was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Pastor Doug Keenan officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Sweet Cemetery restoration fund.

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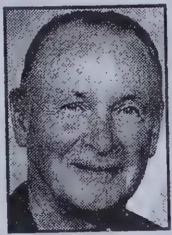
Cyrus Imbody II

CHURUBUSCO — Cyrus Daniel Imbody II, 71, of Churubusco died Friday, March 25, 2005, at his home.


Mr. Imbody II

He worked as a young man at the former McCoy Lumber Co. in Churubusco, and worked as a self-employed drywall installer for most of his adult life.

He was born Aug. 15, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Cyrus D. and Ruth K. (Ditton) Imbody. On June 14, 1952, in Fort Wayne, he married Phyllis Crick, and the couple moved to Churubusco in 1963.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rachel and Joshua Fletcher of Churubusco, Sarah and Dave Garman of Huntertown and Rebecca and Arthur Baron of Columbia City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Cyrus D. III and Deb Imbody of Churubusco and Jacob D. Imbody of Elkhart; two brothers, Gene and James A. Imbody, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Patricia Jacobson of Hammond and Nancy and Wayne Anderson of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Churubusco United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco. Memorials are to the family.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Glen Bergdall

AUBURN — Glen E. Bergdall, 85, of Auburn died Friday, March 25, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Bergdall was a farmer in DeKalb County, retiring in 1992. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He was born April 25, 1919, in Allen County to Russell J. and Nettie (Sites) Bergdall.

He married Ruth C. Gerig on Aug. 1, 1943. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Dean Bergdall of Fort Wayne, Randy and Kathy Bergdall of Leo, Clark and Susan Bergdall of Garrett and Rex and Vicki Bergdall of Butler; one daughter, Marvene Rose of Concord, N.C.; one brother, Albert Bergdall of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Golda Shaw of Grabill and Mary Lepper of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, William and Austin Bergdall.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 pm. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Roy Lohrei Jr.

LIGONIER — Roy Lohrei Jr., 78, of Ligonier died Friday, March 25, 2005, at Avalon Village Healthcare, Ligonier.

Mr. Lohrei Jr.

A lifelong Noble County resident, he worked as a process technician for 29 years at Monsanto Corp. in Ligonier. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge for the U.S. Army during World War II, and was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and loved spending time with his family.

He was born May 13, 1926, in Noble County to Roy W. Sr. and Edith A. (Eldridge) Lohrei. On Aug. 10, 1955, in North Webster, he married Helen Duesler, and his wife survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Katherine and Kevin Calvelage of Ligonier and Penny and Marvin Retcher of Fremont; a sister, Maydene Zumbrun of Avilla; and two grandchildren, Brad Barhydt and Preston Retcher.

A brother, W. Burt Lohrei, and a sister, Nina Fisel, preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Brown Cemetery in Middlebury, with graveside military rites. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ralph Kimmell

SEBRING, Fla. — Ralph E. "Sparky" Kimmell, 87, of Sebring and formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, March 25, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

He had retired as the superintendent for the Kendallville Water Department. He was a 53-year member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge 1194, and was Elk of the Year for two years. He was a 39-year member of the Moose Lodge, and a member of the VFW Father's Auxiliary. An avid golfer, he was the former winner of the Kendallville City Golf Championship.

He was born in Kendallville to Elton and Ola (Diehm) Kimmell.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred M. Kimmell of Sebring; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Harold Jennings of Kendallville; two sons, Edward and Larry Kimmell of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Ron Jennings of Wolcottville and Rhonda Jennings, Rene Cramer, Scott, Doug and Holly Kimmell, Stacey Diaz and Amanda Kimmell, all of Kendallville; nine great-grandchildren, Madison, Heather, Logan, Alysa, Bailey, Taylor, Rane, Elizabeth and Austin; five stepsons, John R., William and Ronald Smart, all of Sebring, Robert Smart of Durham, N.C., and Fred Smart of Kendallville; and 15 stepgrandchildren.

His former wife, Nelta Jean (Nickerson) Kimmell, and two brothers, Earl and Dale Kimmell preceded him in death.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Sebring, with the Rev. Darrell Peer officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to services. The Elks Lodge will conduct a service after calling. Morris Funeral Home in Sebring is in charge of arrangements.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Independent Full Gospel Church, 1000 Gonser St., Ashley, Ind., with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating.

Eileen Bell

HARTFORD CITY — Eileen Bell, 81, of Hartford City died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at 9 p.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Bell was a homemaker and a member of Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle. She was a resident of Blackford County until she moved two years ago to be closer to her son.

She was born Sept. 7, 1923, in Redkey, in Jay County, to Benjamin and Ollie (Tharp) Gothrup.

She married Russell Francis Bell on April 25, 1944, in Hopkinsville, Ky. He was World War II Army veteran and died Feb. 19, 1970.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Francis Lee and Judy Bell of Auburn and Robert A. Bell of Auburn; five grandchildren, Jeff Bell, Jason Bell, Chad Bell, Rachael Lieb and Brian Bell; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Gilbert B. "Gil" Gothrup, and six sisters, Mazie Inman, Nell Cecil, Ruth Martin, Violet Davis, Grace Ellis and Ina McDermitt.

Services will be Wednesday

Home, 509 North High St., Hartford City, with the Rev. Bobby Thomas officiating. Burial will be in the Hartford City Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Blackford County Community Foundation (Kids), P.O. Box 327, Hartford City, IN 47348.

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Smeltzer remembered as dedicated, respected

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LAGRANGE — If there ever was a familiar face within the Prairie Heights community, it was Howard Smeltzer Jr. And he was known as a true friend to many.

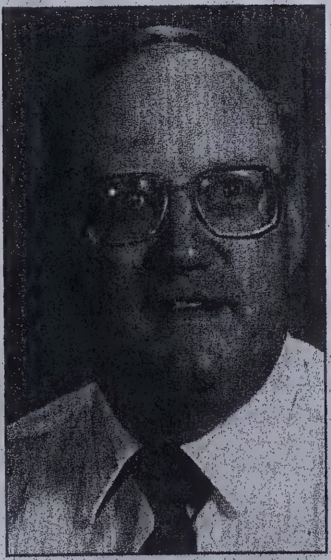
Former longtime football coach Gordon Grabill remembered Mr. Smeltzer — whom he called "one of my very, very best friends" — as a man who was "very dedicated to his profession, and well-respected by his peers."

Howard L. Smeltzer Jr., 67, of LaGrange died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He fell ill with a viral infection recently, and died unexpectedly. His death came as a shock to his family and the Prairie Heights community.

Mr. Smeltzer was a teacher and the athletic director at Prairie Heights School Corp. for many years. He began his tenure at the school in 1969, two years after Grabill, who was Prairie Height's head football coach, began working there.

"He was very knowledgeable about the administrators and athletic directors at other schools," Grabill said. "He probably knew every one in the state of Indiana."

In 1971, Mr. Smeltzer moved from Elkhart to LaGrange. That same year, he married Charleen Holsinger, who was working in the Prairie Heights school system.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This undated photo shows Howard Smeltzer Jr. in his days at Prairie Heights.

Charleen said her husband was the best stepdad anyone could ask for. "I had three childen when I married Howard, and all through their high school years and as they all went to Purdue University and graduated, he was very supportive and happy to sacrifice to get the kids through school. We were the ones who wore the hand-me-downs," she said.

Mr. Smeltzer was a voracious fan of sports. His stepson in-law, David Parkinson, who is married to Mr. Smeltzer's stepdaughter, Sara Gaetz, said Mr. Smeltzer used to tuck himself in the basement, flipping through channels to watch sports. He was very knowledgeable of area high school sports. Sitting near the door to his office were a stack of brackets, now incomplete, for this year's NCAA Men's Basketball Championships.

"He was very detailed, very thorough," Grabill said. "He was a phenomenal athletic director and teacher (he taught social studies)."

Grabill said even after Mr. Smeltzer retired, he continued to be a familiar face at Prairie Heights sporting events.

"He would still go to local games to support the Panthers," he said. "That's how he retained that base relationship with people who worked in the schools."

Grabill said Mr. Smeltzer was also a great fan of collegiate sports, particularly Indiana University and Purdue.

"He was a tremendous fan of all kinds of sports," he said.

Grabill said above and beyond everything else, to him, Howard Smeltzer was a good friend.

"He will be greatly missed," he said. "He's been a great friend. I can't say enough about him."

Although her husband loved sports of all types, more than one visit to antique stores tried his patience, Charleen said. "He was a goer to the basketball (or any type) games, he just loved sports," she said. "If I wanted to go to an antique store I could (only) go to one, because he was not an antiquer. But he's been great, we've had some great trips and a good life."

He stayed loyal to his Chicago Cubs, even when the chips were down. "(His friend) Mike can tell you he was a real Cubs fan. He tried to give up on them when they had their (professional baseball) strike, but he just couldn't do it."

A large circle of friends attests to Mr. Smeltzer's affectionate, fun-loving nature. "One of Howard's favorite things was to meet his friends in LaGrange or Ligonier for breakfast and talk," Charleen said.

"Seven guys from Ligonier came and told me how much they were going to miss him. ... He got more compliments, and people saying he was so friendly and always had a smile and a good word."

EDITOR'S NOTE *Reporter Yvonne Paske-Schroeder contributed to this report.*

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Marianne Price

FORT WAYNE — Marianne “Mo” Price, 47, died Saturday, March 26, 2005.

She was the daughter of Charles and Elsie Price of Ligonier.

Services are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Omar Shinn Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Omar Louis “Louie” Shinn Jr., 67, died Friday, March 25, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shinn was born in Fort Wayne and was a salesman with Allen Co. Motors and Dimension Ford for 43 years. He was a member of North Highland Church of Christ, Elks Lodge 155 and American Legion Post 82. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Shinn of Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Philip and Laura Shinn of Avon, Eric and April Shinn of Fort Wayne and Dennis Shinn of Gatesville, Texas; and three grandchildren, Maxine and Genifer of Fort Wayne and Jonathan of Avon.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth VanPelt.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial with a military graveside service from American Legion Post 82 will be at Eel River Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling will be 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the family.

Muriel Reed

LIGONIER — Muriel L. Reed, 85, died Friday, March 25, 2005, at Avalon Village Health Care in Ligonier.

Mrs. Reed was a homemaker. She enjoyed planting her flower garden each year, as well as singing and playing bingo. She had the natural ability to play piano by ear.

She was born Jan. 17, 1920, to Frank C. Vondersmith and Edith Yoder. She married George A. Reed on Aug. 15, 1957, in Ligonier. He preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 2003.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Mirite Cripe of Ligonier and Ronald and Lydia Cripe and Mark and Jean Reed, all of Goshen; two daughters and a son-in-law, Brenda Steller of Ligonier and Kim and Dan Waynee of Coleman, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons.

There will be no services or calling. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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Barbara Stout

LAOTTO — Barbara Aletha Stout, 72, of LaOtto died Sunday, March 27, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stout managed the cafeteria at LaOtto Elementary School for 22 years. She retired from the East Noble School Corp. in June 1994. She was a member of the LaOtto Fire Department Auxiliary and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

She was born Jan. 13, 1933, in DeKalb County to Edson and Mable (Grear) Days.

She married Carl Stout on June 2, 1950, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael John Stout of LaOtto and James Michael Stout of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Pamala Lee Babcock of LaOtto; a brother, Alfred Days of Corunna; three sisters, Joan Donat of Waterloo, Jacqueline Smith of Fort Wayne and Sally Cheek of Auburn; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and four sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Emmanuel Lutheran Church at LaOtto. The Rev. Susan Socha will officiate. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church or the Friendship Food Pantry in Kendallville.

Scott Halsey

KIMMELL — Scott W. Halsey, 33, died Saturday, March 26, 2005, in Kosciusko County.

Mr. Halsey

Mr. Halsey was a lifetime Noble County resident. He was an operating engineer and member of Local 103 in Fort Wayne.

He enjoyed riding motorcycles and ATVs. His greatest joy was playing with his son and spending time with his family and friends.

Mr. Halsey was born Aug. 10, 1971, in Goshen to Warren "Butch" and Martha (Ritchie) Halsey. They survive in Ligonier. On July 19, 1997, in Ligonier, he married Michelle Smith. She survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are a son, Preston Halsey, at home; a sister, Tonya Halsey of Fort Wayne; his grandmothers, Patty Emerick of Cromwell and Juanita Ritchie of Ligonier; his best friend, Greg Reed of Syracuse; and many aunts and uncles.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Ligonier United Methodist Church Crosswalk with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh and the Rev. Mitch Moser officiating.

Calling will be from 4 p.m. until the hour of the service at the Crosswalk.

Memorials are to the Preston Halsey College Fund.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Diabetic reaction may have led to man's death

BY BOB BUTTGEN

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SYRACUSE — Kimmell resident Scott Halsey, 33, who died Saturday after being involved in a minor traffic accident in Kosciusko County, was a man with a "heart of gold," according to his grandmother.

Halsey was driving on Turkey Creek Road between Cromwell and Syracuse Saturday morning when he apparently had a diabetic reaction and lost control of his car.

Halsey

The car caught fire and he died in his vehicle from smoke inhalation, according to John Sadler, Kosciusko County coroner.

Halsey was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes when he was 8 years old, according to his grandmother, Patty Emerick of Cromwell.

She and other family members have no doubts he was having a reaction to low blood sugar when the accident took place.

Scott Halsey's death was the second tragedy for the family in the last two weeks. On Sunday, March 13, his uncle, Daniel Halsey Sr., of Cromwell, was found dead in his home. He passed away unexpectedly from complications related to diabetes, according to family members.

"Scotty was very upset about his uncle's death," Mrs. Emerick said this morning.

"I just wish people would be more aware of diabetes and what it does to a person," she added. "It's a terrible disease."

According to the Indiana State Police, Halsey, for "an unknown reason," refused to get out of the vehicle after the crash. The car caught fire with Halsey trapped inside, and attempts to get him out of the car by people who stopped at the scene were unsuccessful, according to police reports.

Halsey was observed driving in an erratic manner just before the accident and had run over several mailboxes, according to a police report.

HALSEY: *Autopsy, toxicology reports may reveal details*

According to police reports, witnesses tried desperately to pull Halsey out of his car but he resisted those efforts. Police said witnesses told them that Halsey yelled at his would-be rescuers to leave him alone.

By the time firefighters from Syracuse arrived at the scene, the car was fully engulfed in flames, police said. Firefighters put out the blaze but Halsey was dead from smoke inhalation.

Halsey's wife, who arrived at the scene of the accident but was kept at a distance by police, told police about her husband's diabetes problems.

Halsey's wife told police he had been to a friend's house just before the accident, feeding his friend's dog while the friend was out of town. Mrs. Halsey told police she had talked to her husband while he was at the friend's house and that he sounded like he was having sugar problems at that time.

"That's the kind of person Scott was," his grandmother said this morning. "He had a heart of gold and would do anything to help people. He would give you the shirt off his back."

An autopsy and toxicology testing will be conducted by the Kosciusko County coroner, which may shed some light on Halsey's medical condition before the wreck.

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Eli Gingerich

MIDDLEBURY — Eli E. Gingerich, 90, of Middlebury died at 7:43 a.m. Monday, March 28, 2005, at Goshen General Hospital where he had been a patient since Friday.

Mr. Gingerich had moved to the area in 1948.

He was a retired farmer and was ordained in 1951 as a minister in the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Gingerich was born March 6, 1915, in Plain City, Ohio, to Sam J. and Martha (Farmwald) Gingerich. On Dec. 22, 1938, in Topeka, he married Fannie M. Bontreger. She died Jan. 25, 1965. On Oct. 29, 1967, in Topeka, he married Mary (Hershberger) Borkholder. She died July 21, 1986.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Esther and Joe Eicher and Miriam and Alvin Yoder, all of Shipshewana, and Anna Schwartz and Susie and Jerry Miller, all of Middlebury; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Susie Gingerich of Middlebury and Sam and Ruth Gingerich of Fairview, Mich.; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Polly and Harvey Borntrager of Bethany, Mo., Anna and Mose Wengerd of LaGrange and Elsie Borkholder of Shipshewana; a son-in-law, Menno Petersheim of Shipshewana; a stepson and his wife, Sam and Esther Borkholder of Middlebury; a sister and brother-in-law, Ida and Vernon Schulz of Cheraw, Colo.; two half brothers and heir wives, Aden and Edith Gingerich of Farmington, N.M., and Mose and Sheila Gingerich of Sarasota, Fla.; a epsister, Katie and Allen oder of Jamesport, Mo.; two epbrothers, Crist Borntrager Goshen and Levi orntrager of Bealton, Va.; 70 andchildren; 103 great- andchildren; 35 stepgrand- ldren; and 86 stepgreat- ndchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Ida Petersheim; a stepson, Ezra Borkholder; a son-in-law, Levi Schwartz; four grandchildren; a great-grandson; two brothers, Ura Gingerich and John Gingerich; and two stepbrothers, John Borntrager and Sam Borntrager.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Jerry Miller residence, 54896 C.R. 43, Middlebury, with Bishop Roy Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the Miller residence.

Evangeline Barnhart

FLORISSANT, Mo. — Evangeline B. Barnhart, 94, of Florissant and formerly of Churubusco died Monday, March 28, 2005, at Bent-Wood Nursing Center in Florissant.

Among her survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Martha Barnhart of Churubusco, Ind., and two daughters and a son-in-law, Myra Talkington and Leona and Charles Page, both of St. Louis.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with a new location for services.*

Anna Fisher

AUBURN — Services for Anna Mary (Rakoczy) Fisher, 92, of Auburn will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. John the Fisher Catholic Church, 3333 Tillman Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Mrs. Fisher died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Loraine, Ohio, Mrs. Fisher was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John the Fisher Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband of 68 years, Stanley Russell Fisher Sr. of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stanley Fisher Jr. and Carolyn Fisher of Pleasant Lake and Frank and Kathy Fisher of Leo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Vera and Larry Leon of Auburn, Morene and Joseph Krempl of Seattle, Wash., and Marilynn and Richard Thulin of Sea Tac, Wash.; 26 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anna (Phmosh) and Frank Rakoczy; two brothers, Frank and John Rakoczy; six sisters, Helen Rakoczy, Mary Wilfong, Elizabeth Gephart, Sophie Roberts, Martha Nichols and Ethel Rakoczy; a grandson, John; and a great-grandson, Kevin.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or St. John the Fisher Catholic Church.

Mazie Thomson

AUBURN — Mazie J. Myers Thomson, 87, of Auburn died Monday, March 28, 2005, in her home.

Mrs. Thomson worked as a cook at the St. Joe Conservation Club for 17 years and as a waitress at the 69 Restaurant in Ashley for 10 years.

She was secretary for DeKalb County Farm Bureau and a member of the Auburn Church of Christ. She loved to fish.

She was born March 9, 1918, in DeKalb County to John B. and Cora Mary (Gramling) Brown.

She graduated from St. Joe High School in 1937.

She married her first husband, Hugh E. Myers, on July 15, 1939, and he died Oct. 5, 1992.

She married Roger S. Thomson on May 13, 1997, and he died Jan. 9, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ethan E. and Theresa Myers of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Nila J. and Larry Clear of Waterloo; a daughter-in-law, Nancy R. Fike of Angola; a sister-in-law, B. Almeda Brown of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Darrel G. Myers; and a brother, Cecil Brown.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ or DeKalb County Hospice.

Loretta Yates

WINAMAC — Loretta Gandy Yates, 86, of Winamac and formerly of Huntertown and Fort Wayne died at 6:30 a.m. Monday, March 28, 2005, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Winamac following an extended illness.

Mrs. Yates retired in 1981 as a clerical worker at Lincoln Life Insurance Co. in Fort Wayne after 26 years of service.

She was a member of Agape Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne and the Lincoln Life Quarter Century Club.

Mrs. Yates was a 1937 graduate of Roanoke High School.

She was born Dec. 12, 1918, in Fort Wayne to John and Jessie (Hayes) Tracey. On Nov. 3, 1984, she married Melvin "Kelly" Yates. He died Aug. 4, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Roberta and Robert Dupuy of Arizona; a brother and sister-in-law, Melden and Lucy Tracey of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lucille Stiverson of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Private burial Wednesday Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Agape Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Nettie Gingrich

AUBURN — Nettie L. Gingrich, 78, of Auburn died Sunday, March 27, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Gingrich was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born March 11, 1927, in Belleville, W. Va., to Albert and Nellie (Hupp) Flinn. They preceded her in death.

She married Freddie T. Gingrich in 1967. He died in 1995.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Lisa Gingrich of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and Tom Emerick of Auburn and Sonja and Jerry Groshon of Fremont; five brothers, Ira Flinn and Eugene Flinn, both of Ohio, Carl Flinn of Parkersburg, W. Va., Charles Flinn of Belleville, W. Va., and LeRoy Flinn of New Haven; three sisters, Alice Curran of Parkersburg, W. Va., Eleanor Criener of Columbus, Ohio, and Hazel Flinn of West Virginia; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at Fort Worth, Texas.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Additional calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Greenwood Funeral Home in Fort Worth, Texas, with services there Saturday at 10 a.m.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association.

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Maxine Gray

FORT WAYNE — Maxine E. Gray, 83, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, March 27, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gray was a homemaker.

She was a native of Ohio.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diana K. and Stanley Peppler of Fort Wayne and Janine E. and David Rudolph of Huntertown; a brother, Paul Hewitt of Kendallville; a sister, Pearl Newman of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, Jeff Robbins, Greg Robbins, Noelle Gongwer, Robin Minnich, Daniel Figgins, Scott Figgins, Christopher Rudolph, Joseph Rudolph, Rob Rudolph and Adam Rudolph; 24 great-grandchildren; and her former husband of 53 years, Paul W. Gray of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Beatrice Schaefer

FORT WAYNE — Beatrice N. Schaefer, 98, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, March 27, 2005, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a native of Wisconsin.

Surviving are a daughter, Iris Shook of Spencerville; a grandson; two great-grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Harry Schaefer, in 1981; two sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from noon until 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

Mary Manth

CHURUBUSCO — Mary E. "Betty" Manth, 88, of Churubusco died Monday, March 28, 2005, at The Oaks in Columbia City.

Among her survivors is a son, Morris Manth of Churubusco.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Harold Scribner

KENDALLVILLE — Harold D. Scribner, 93, of Kendallville died Sunday, March 27, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

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Evangeline Barnhart

CHURUBUSCO — Evangeline Blanche "Vange" Barnhart, 94, of Florissant, Mo., and formerly of Churubusco died Monday, March 28, 2005, at the Brent-Wood Nursing Center in Florissant. She had been in declining health for some time.

Mrs. Barnhart

Mrs. Barnhart and her husband had lived in Ohio, Utah, California, Kentucky and Missouri prior to moving to Churubusco in her retirement years.

She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church and its UMW Grace Circle. She served as a volunteer for the Red Cross, Welcome Wagon and the Cancer Society.

Mrs. Barnhart was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed making hand-stitched quilts.

She was born Aug. 31, 1910, in Archbold, Ohio, to Solomon R. and Leona (Rebeau) Clingaman. On Nov. 5, 1930, she married Irving R. Barnhart. He died Dec. 22, 1985.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger R. and Martha Barnhart of Churubusco; two daughters and a son-in-law, Myra Barnhart Talkington and Leona and Ray Page, all of Florissant; five grandchildren, Paul Barnhart and Michael Barnhart, both of Churubusco, and James Talkington, Jeanne Klein and LeAnn Chase, all of Florissant; several great-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Minnie Brown; and two brothers, Laurel Clingaman and Clarence Clingaman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Harold Scribner

KENDALLVILLE — Harold Duncan Scribner, 93, of Kendallville died at 3:20 p.m. Sunday, March 27, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mr. Scribner had moved to Kendallville 10 years ago from Fairport, N.Y.

He had farmed, been a real estate broker and worked for the New York Central Railroad.

Mr. Scribner was born July 30, 1911, in Wyoming, N.Y., to John Victor and Orena Anna (Duncan) Scribner. On Feb. 6, 1936, in Penfield, N.Y., he married Florence Welkley. She died March 15, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie Sherrick of Mentor, Ohio; two brothers, Victor Scribner of Florida and Donald Scribner of Pennsylvania; and a grandson, Rick Sherrick of New York.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Clifford Scribner; and a sister, Gladys Norton.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Fairport, N.Y., for both Harold and Florence Scribner.

There will be no calling.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Sophia Kunkle

KENDALLVILLE — Sophia Kunkle, 82, of Kendallville died at 2:50 p.m. Monday, March 28, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Kunkle had moved to Kendallville 10 years ago from Lorain, Ohio, where she had lived 66 years.

She had been employed in sales at Ted Jacobs Department Store in Lorain for 25 years, retiring in 1981.

Mrs. Kunkle was a former member of Faith United Methodist Church in Lorain and the 40B Mothers. She enjoyed crocheting.

She was born Aug. 19, 1922, in Cowdenbeath, Scotland.

Her husband, Charles W. Kunkle, died in 1977.

Surviving are three daughters, Virginia Doyle of Huron, Ohio, Shirley Hullinger of Kendallville and Catherine Miller of Ovilla, Texas; a brother, David Ireland of North Ridgeville, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Andrew Ireland; and a sister, Helen Duffield.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Reichlin-Cooley Funeral Home, 2920 Broadway, Lorain, Ohio, with the Rev. Jack Ison officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Lorain.

Calling will be from 5-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Johns Villa, 701 Crest St., Carrollton, Ohio 44615.

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John Clark

PEORIA, Ill. — John Wesley Clark, 80, formerly of Auburn died Thursday, March 3, 2005, at 2:10 a.m. in McAllen, Texas.

Mr. Clark was a 1942 graduate of Auburn High School. He graduated with honors from Rose Polytechnic Institute in Terre Haute with an engineering degree and was awarded a Tau Beta Phi key.

He worked as a mechanical engineer in the research department at Caterpillar Inc. for 33 years.

He was a volunteer fireman in Marquette Heights and Chillicothe, Ill., including the fire department rescue squad. He served on the Chillicothe Library Board, the North Pekin School Board, the Chillicothe Zoning Board of Appeals and chaired the Illinois Valley Regional Library Board.

He served as an income tax assistant in Texas and as a driver for Chillicothe Township Senior Transportation.

He was a Boy Scout, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and served as chair of the administrative board, as a member of the church choir and as a Sunday school teacher.

He was a pilot in the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II.

He was born March 21, 1924, in Auburn to Homer Dale and Jessie Carnahan Clark.

He married Eva Mae Argubright on Sept. 10, 1944, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Janice and Dennis Haines of Olalla, Wash., Alicia and Steve Campbell of Portland, Ore., Carolyn and Donald Mack of Glendale Heights, Ill., and Sharon and Marty Minnes of Chillicothe; six grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Suthers of Cottage Grove, Ore.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Homer Dale Clark and Roland Royce Clark.

A memorial service and cremation have taken place.

Memorials are to Rescue 33, the Chillicothe Fire Department or his church's scholarship fund.

Richard Dick

LAOTTO — Richard M. "Dick" Dick, 58, of LaOtto died Monday, March 28, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dick had lived in LaOtto for the past 25 years. He was a purchaser for SPX Contech in Auburn and attended the LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Mr. Dick

He was born Dec. 21, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Melvin and Virginia (Lemmeale) Dick. They preceded him in death.

He married Susanne "Susi" M. Webb on Aug. 27, 1977, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jessica Dick of LaOtto; a brother, Charles Dick of Berlin, Md.; and three sisters, Sharon Smith of LaOtto, Marcia Malles of Albion and Mary Bolin of Decatur.

A celebration of life memorial service will be Saturday at 4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Lois Watkins will officiate.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Evelyn Loomis

AUBURN — Evelyn E. Loomis, 87, of Auburn died Tuesday, March 29, 2005. at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Loomis was a homemaker and a member of the Sturgis Missionary Church in Sturgis, Mich.

She was born Dec. 27, 1917, in Garrett to Walter E. and Mable (Cashbaugh) Saxer.

She married Robert Loomis on May 2, 1946. He died Sept. 29, 1957.

Surviving are two sisters, Thelma Ringenberg and Harriett McQuown, both of Auburn; two brothers, Raymond Saxer of Garrett and Robert Saxer of Terre Haute; and a grandson, Robert Loomis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Kent Allen Loomis; a daughter, Kathy Ann Loomis; three brothers, Lyman, Arthur and Ellsworth Saxer; and two sisters, Carolyn Saxer and Katherine Souder.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Dale E. Gerig officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery at Sturgis, Mich.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ or the Sturgis Missionary Church.

Golda Moughler

BUTLER — Golda M. Moughler, 96, of Butler died Monday, March 28, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Moughler was a homemaker. She was a member of Big Run Church of Butler, the Franklin Township Home Economics Club and the Wittenburg Guild.

She was born Aug. 26, 1908, in Bluffton to Zera and Emma (Kline) David.

She married Ollus L. Moughler on Dec. 18, 1929. He died March 9, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Clark M. and Grace Moughler of Montpelier, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Martha L. and Lyle Baird of Auburn, Mary Jane and Myron Stackhouse of Waterloo and Sandra J. and James F. Holmes of Butler; two brothers, Wendal David of California and Cecil David of Auburn; two sisters, Maxcine Burkhart of Auburn and Ida M. Snider of Melbourne, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, three brothers and three sisters, in addition to her parents and husband.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Big Run Church of Butler. Pastor Richard Woolever will officiate. Burial will be in Big Run Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Big Run Church.

Jack Spillner

KENDALLVILLE — Jack E. Spillner, 72, of Kendallville died Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at the home of a daughter, Kay Lash.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Marianne Price

FORT WAYNE — Marianne "Mo" Price, 47, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, March 26, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had lived in Ligonier until moving to Fort Wayne in 1975.

Ms. Price had been a sales representative in the housewares department at J.C. Penney in Fort Wayne for 10 years.

She was a 1975 graduate of West Noble High School. She enjoyed cooking and giving away items she had crafted. She loved animals, especially her dogs, Toby and Missy.

She was born June 25, 1957, in LaGrange to Charles and Elsie V. (Polyak) Price. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are her longtime companion, Tom Fabian of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Cheryl Allen of Michigan City and Lorraine K. and Mark Kramer of Schaumburg, Ill.; a niece; and a nephew.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Mary Manth

CHURUBUSCO — Mary E. "Betty" Manth, 88, of rural Churubusco died Monday, March 28, 2005, at the Oaks Nursing Center in Columbia City following a brief illness.

Mrs. Manth

Mrs. Manth spent her formative years in Fort Wayne and was a 1934 graduate of South Side High School.

She was a homemaker.

She was born June 6, 1916, in Lima, Ohio, to Clinton E. and Elsie Ann (Jones) Morris. On July 3, 1937, she married Herbert W. Manth. He died in 1983.

Surviving are a son, Morrie L. Manth of Churubusco; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Lane Burgland of Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Barbara Hanselman

ANGOLA — Barbara A. Hanselman, 61, of Angola died Monday, March 28, 2005, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hanselman owned and operated the Gageview Orchard in Angola for the past 35 years.

She was a member of the P.E.O., was worthy matron of the Eastern Star, was an active member of the Angola Community Theater and was an active volunteer for Project Health in Angola. She had many interests and hobbies.

She was born Nov. 28, 1943, in Sioux City, Iowa, to Robert J. and Beatrice L. (Munce) Crary. They preceded her in death.

She married Keith L. Hanselman on May 26, 1968. He died June 1, 2003.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cynthia and George Rehan of Sioux City, Iowa, and Susan and Gary Way of Ponca, Neb.; two nieces, Sara Rehan and Jennifer Way; two nephews, Adam Way and Jesse Way; a "son of the heart," John Price; and many friends.

A memorial service will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Lake Gage Congregational Church, Angola, with the Rev. Steve Altman officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Project Health, 600 Williams St., Angola, IN 46703.

Lettie Melchi

ORLAND — Lettie L. Melchi, 90, of Orland died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Melchi was born June 7, 1914, in Branch County, Mich., to Oscar W. and Amy M. (Davis) Shaull. She was married to Virgil H. Melchi on Nov. 22, 1932, in Steuben County, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 19, 1984.

She was a music teacher and gave lessons from her home for many years. She was a member of Orland Congregational Church and was the church pianist for 27 years. She was a 1931 graduate of Reading High School in Reading, Mich. She served as a grand marshal for Vermont Settlement Days in Orland. She enjoyed playing the piano, giving piano lessons, fishing and mushroom hunting.

Surviving are two sisters, Lydia "Peggy" Neutz of Fremont and Vera Marie Bruce of Charlotte, Mich., and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Josie Shufelt.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Orland Congregational Church, with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Orland Congregational Church or Fremont Community Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

THE NEW ERA

March 30 2005 Albion, Indiana

Scott Halsey-33

KIMMELL — Scott W. Halsey, 33, died Saturday, March 26, 2005, in Kosciusko County.

Mr. Halsey was a lifetime Noble County resident. He was an operating engineer and member of Local 103 in Fort Wayne.

He enjoyed riding motorcycles and ATVs. His greatest joy was playing with his son and spending time with his family and friends.

Mr. Halsey was born Aug. 10, 1971, in Goshen to Warren "Butch" and Martha (Ritchie) Halsey. They survive in Ligonier. On July 19, 1997, in Ligonier, he married Michelle Smith. She survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are a son, Preston Halsey, at home; a sister, Tonya Halsey of Fort Wayne; his grandmothers, Patty Emerick of Cromwell and Juanita Ritchie of Ligonier; his best friend, Greg Reed of Syracuse; and many aunts and uncles.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Ligonier United Methodist Church Crosswalk with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh and the Rev. Mitch Moser officiating.

Calling will be from 4 p.m. until the hour of the service at the Crosswalk.

Memorials are to the Preston Halsey College Fund.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Nathaniel Wiley, Jr., 86

ALABAMA — Nathaniel Wiley, Jr., Col. (Ret.), USAFNG, 86, died on Thursday, March 17, 2005.

Son of Prentice and Mildred Wiley, he was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School, Class of 1936.

Mr. Wiley was a retired Colonel in the United States Air National Guard, serving as a B-17 navigator during World War II. He was the General Manager of Montgomery Water Works, a member of Dalraida Church of Christ for 48 years, and served as elder for 12 years.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Melba Bell Wiley; son, Michael D. Wiley(Betty) of Brentwood, TN; daughter, Pam Wiley Taylor (Mike) of Montgomery; sister, Emma Jeanne Gaff of Wolf Lake, IN; three grandchildren, Michael Wiley, Jr., Matthew Wiley, and Forrest Taylor.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 20, 2005, at Leak Memory Chapel with Minister Doug Smith officiating. Burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery.

A. Pauline McPheters, 94

ALBION — A. Pauline McPheters, 94, of Albion died at 7:28 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient for five days.

Mrs. McPheters was a lifetime Noble County resident and had lived at Skinner Lake for the past 40 years.

She was a graduate of Albion High School and International Business College in Fort Wayne. She had retired as bookkeeper for Central Noble Motors (formerly Leatherman Ford) in Albion.

She was a former member of the Union Ladies Aid. Mrs. McPheters enjoyed traveling.

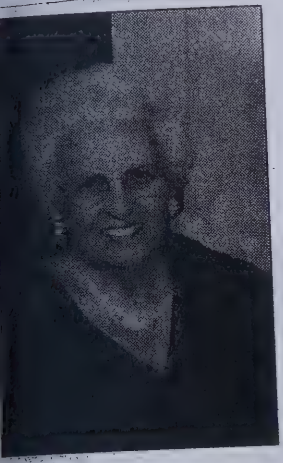
Mrs. McPheters was born Aug. 30, 1910, in Noble County near Albion to Charles and Myrtle (Rimmel) Weimer. Her husband, Kenneth McPheters, is deceased.

Surviving are a stepson and his wife, Alan and Viola Hass of Skinner Lake; two granddaughters and their husbands, Marla and Mark Griffin and Lana and Joel Hoard; and a great-granddaughter, Rachel Griffin.

She was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Services were held Saturday, March 26, 2005, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Pastor Doug Keenan officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Sweet Cemetery restoration fund.



anice Parson, 66

LIGONIER — Janice arson, 66, passed away on arch 22, 2005, at her ome in Ligonier.

She was born in Disco, ndiana, on November 6, 1938, to Charles and eneva (Madeford) Florey. She started school and graduated from Silver Lake School with the class of 1956. She gave her life to Christ in 1954 and was soon after baptized by immersion and became a member of Silver Lake Methodist Church.

On March 30, 1957, Jan was united in marriage to Dean A. Parson in Wabash, Indiana.

She owned and operated Jan's Catering in Ligonier for 21 years before being forced into retirement because of her illness. Her catering business was not only her occupation, but also her enjoyment, as she delighted in cooking.

During the years that Dean delivered RV's, Jan enjoyed accompanying him and seeing the country. However, she was always glad to get back home to her family, which has always been the most important and cherished part of Jan's life.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 48 years, her beloved children, Doug (Valerie) Parson of New Haven, Laura Scott of Ligonier and Greg (Carmel) Parson of Rome City; and her precious grandchildren, John, Chad, Tabitha, Ethan, Nicholas and Thalia. She also leaves her only sister, Dixie and her husband Terry Goodrich of South Whitley; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Leo (Norma) Florey of Silver Lake and Monte (Mary) Florey of Leesburg; her sister-in-law, Sharon Florey of North Manchester; also brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Joyce and Jim Emerick of Florida, Carol and Orville Owens of Warsaw, Tony and Barb Parson of North Manchester, Max and Louise Parson of Wabash; many nieces and nephews; and childhood friends Ruth Alice Drudge Cox of Huntington and Serita Ring Leiter of Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her baby daughter, Teena Lynn; her parents, Charles and Geneva Florey; her parents-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Verlin Parson; brother Larry Florey; brother-in-law and his wife, Robert and Patricia Parson; niece Heather Florey and nephew, Michael Emerick.

Services were held on Saturday, March 26, 2005, at the Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Revs. Jean Ness and Robert A. Vick officiated. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society or Goshen Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

William Spannagel, 69

ALBION — William T. Spannagel, 69, of Skinner Lake near Albion died Tuesday, March 22, 2205, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Spannagel had retired from International Harvester after 30 years of service. He had spent most of his life in Noble County.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla and a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Mr. Spannagel had attended Kendallville High School. He was a member of the American Legion and enjoyed fishing and camping.

He was born Sept. 22, 1935, in Detroit, Mich., to Theodore and Velva (Gates) Spannagel. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Belinda Goodrich of Indianapolis; a sister, Olive Hinkley of Kendallville; a grandson, David Piland of Indianapolis; and four step-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Kent Spannagel.

Services were held Friday, March 25, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery, rural Albion.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

THE NEW ERA

March 30 2005 Albion, Indiana

Isaac Williams, 55

SOUTH MILFORD — Isaac Edward "Ed" Williams, 55, of South Milford died, Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital where he had been a patient 12 days.

Mr. Williams grew up in Floyd County, Ky. He moved to Noble County when he was 17.

He was a truck driver for Maple Tree in Elkhart. Prior to that he had driven trucks for Shenandoah and Star Fleet in Auburn.

Mr. Williams was a very active member of the Kendallville Assembly of God where he had served many years as a deacon.

He enjoyed watching Kentucky basketball, hunting, fishing, horses, pets, old cars, traveling, being outdoors and spending time with his family.

He was born Feb. 22, 1950, in Albion, Mich., to John E. and Opal Wanitta Williams. They are deceased. On Feb. 6, 1971, in Albion, Mich., he married Kathryn E. Coplin. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and his finacee, Joshua Williams and Rebecca Thews of South Milford; a daughter and her fiance, Melinda Williams and Travis Stackhouse of South Milford; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Pauline and Jack Nelson of Las Vegas and Patricia and Scott Mills of Frankfort, Ill.; his in-laws, Irvin and Barbara Coplin of Avilla; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Gloria Paulsen, Dianne Williams, Lillian Williams, Sharon Niccum, Bruce and Sharon Coplin and Christine and Kenneth Butler; nieces he helped raise, Karon Parker, Janie Conway and Sharon Greer; and several other nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by five brothers, John E. Williams Jr., Michael Williams, Ralph Williams, Joseph Niccum and James Niccum; and a sister, Barbara Wright.

Services were held Saturday, March 26, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel with the Rev. Carter Hicks and the Rev. Tom Neddersen officiating. Burial was in Avilla Cemetery.

Memorials are to Kendallville Assembly of God.

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LIGONIER — Paul Jacobs, of Ligonier died dnesday, March 30, 2005, at home.

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Mr. Jacobs was a hunter vho enjoyed trading and artering. He loved his family nd his church.

He was born May 31, 1951, n Hindman, Ky., to Woodrow and Corsey (Branhams) Jacobs. On July 7, 1973, in West Virginia, he married Della Mae Beverly. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Roger Jacobs and Shawn Jacobs, both of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Retta and Eric Langley of Ligonier; two stepsons and their wives, Ronnie and Marsha Thomas of Willard, Ohio, and Alvin and Amy Thomas of Ligonier; a stepdaughter and her husband, Teresa and James Williams of Ligonier; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Virgie and Ralph Slone of Caney, Ky., Inez and Bob DePew of Rome City and Jeanette and Jimmy Perkins of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Ethel Lee Jacobs of Pippa Passes, Ky.; 13 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stepson, Bobby Ray Thomas; and two brothers, Virgil B. Jacobs and Birtchell Jacobs.

Larry Warner

FORT WAYNE — Larry E. Warner, 66, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at his home.

A Fort Wayne native, he was a tool grinder for General Electric. He had served in the U.S. Navy and his hobbies were photography and riding scooters.

Surviving are his wife, March C. Warner of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Anthony Warner of St. Joe and David and Raina Warner of Fort Wayne; three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Wayne Bunn of Garrett, Mindy and David Hufford of Indianapolis and Julie and Paul Fulghum of Fort Wayne; a sister, Beverly Gensic of Markle; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, with burial at St. John Cemetery in Wells County.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Salem United Baptist Church, S.R. 9 south of Rome City, with the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be after 5 p.m. today and after noon Friday at the church, with services at 6 p.m. each day.

Memorials are to the family.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with revised information about a membership and memorials.*

Barbara Hanselman

ANGOLA — Barbara A. Hanselman, 61, of Angola died Monday, March 28, 2005, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hanselman owned and operated the Gageview Orchard in Angola for the past 35 years.

She was a member of the P.E.O., was worthy matron of the Eastern Star, was an active member of the Angola Community Theater and was an active volunteer for Project Help in Angola. She had many interests and hobbies.

She was born Nov. 28, 1943, in Sioux City, Iowa, to Robert J. and Beatrice L. (Munce) Crary. They preceded her in death.

She married Keith L. Hanselman on May 26, 1968. He died June 1, 2003.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cynthia and George Rehan of Sioux City, Iowa, and Susan and Gary Way of Ponca, Neb.; two nieces, Sara Rehan and Jennifer Way; two nephews, Adam Way and Jesse Way; a "son of the heart," John Price; and many friends.

A memorial service will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Lake Gage Congregational Church, Angola, with the Rev. Steve Altman officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be tonight from 6 to 8 at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Project Help, 600 Williams St., Angola, IN 46703.

THE NEWS-SUN

March 31 2005 Kendallville, Indiana

Jack Spillner

KENDALLVILLE — Jack E. Spillner, 71, of Kendallville died at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at the home of his daughter, Kay Lash, in Kendallville.

Mr. Spillner had been employed as a traveling salesman.

He was raised in LaGrange County and was a 1951 graduate of Salem Center High School. He had lived in the Kendallville area the past 20 years.

Mr. Spillner was a life member of Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301 and a member of the Sons of the Legion of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

He was born April 5, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Roy Charles and Nina Viola (Mills) Spillner. On July 10, 1978, in Fort Wayne, he married Joann Schultheiss. She died July 9, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Jeff Allen of Wolcottville and Kay and Butch Lash of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles and Judy Spillner of Fairfield, Ohio, and Robert E. Spillner of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Paul and Kathy Greeve of North Carolina; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert H. and Mafalda Spillner of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Sandra Kay Spillner.

A remembrance service will be held at 6 p.m. today at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Lane Burgland officiating.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Christian Schrock

MIDDLEBURY — Christian Dean Schrock died at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been born earlier that day.

Surviving are his parents, Verlin and Dora (King) Schrock of Middlebury; a sister, Wilma Schrock, at home; three brothers, Galen Schrock, Karl Schrock and Matthew Schrock, all at home; his grandparents, Alvin and Ruby Schrock and Wilma King, all of Middlebury; and his great-grandparents, Henry and Susan Yoder of Topeka, Anna Schrock of Middlebury and Ben King of White Horse, Pa.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Wanda Sue Schrock, in 1993; a brother, James Dale Schrock, in 2001; and a grandfather, Melvin King, in 1995.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with Pastor John Miller of Sandy Ridge Mennonite Church officiating. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Opal Hostetler

STURGIS, Mich. — Opal M. Hostetler, 89, of Sturgis died at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, March 24, 2005, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mrs. Hostetler was a homemaker. She was a member of the Eastern Star Chapter in Sturgis, the White Shrine and the Pythian Sisters.

She had been a Girl Scout leader and the secretary of her bowling league.

Mrs. Hostetler was born Feb. 22, 1916, in LaGrange County to Stanley V. and Bertha (Strawser) Smith. On Jan. 27, 1936, in LaGrange, she married Dey E. Hostetler. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Linda Hostetler of Sturgis; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rosalie and David Huben of South Dakota and Sharon and Royce Shears of Sturgis; 11 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Warren S. Hostetler, and two sisters, Velma Lung and Leola Simpson.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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March 31 2005 Kendallville, Indiana

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with a correction and new information about relatives.*

Nettie Gingrich

AUBURN — Nettie L. Gingrich, 78, of Auburn died Sunday, March 27, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Gingrich was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born March 11, 1927, in Belleville, W. Va., to Albert and Nellie (Hupp) Flinn. They preceded her in death.

She married Freddie T. Gingrich in 1967. He died in 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Lisa Gingrich of Fort Worth, Texas; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and Tom Emerick of Auburn and Sonja and Jerry Groshon of Fremont; five brothers, Ira Flinn and Eugene Flinn, both of Ohio, Carl Flinn of Parkersburg, W. Va., Charles Flinn of Belleville, W. Va., and LeRoy Flinn of New Haven; three sisters, Alice Cole of Parkersburg, W. Va., Eleanor Criener of Columbus, Ohio, and Hazel Eddy of West Virginia; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl officiated. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at Fort Worth, Texas.

Additional calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Greenwood Funeral Home in Fort Worth, Texas, with services there Saturday at 10 a.m.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

March 31 2005 Ligonier, Indiana

Family copes with second death

KIMMELL — A Noble County family is dealing with the second tragic and untimely death in the past couple of weeks.

On Saturday, Scott Halsey, 33, of Kimmell, died Saturday after being involved in a minor traffic accident in Kosciusko County. The wreck is believed to have been caused as a result his being a diabetic.

Scott's death was the second tragedy for the family in the last two weeks. On Sunday, March 13, his uncle, Daniel Halsey Sr., of Cromwell, was found dead in his home. He passed away unexpectedly from complications related to diabetes, according to family members.

Scott Halsey was a man with a "heart of gold," according to his grandmother.

Halsey was driving on Turkey Creek Road between Cromwell and Syracuse Saturday morning when he apparently had a diabetic reaction and lost control of his car.

The car caught fire and he died in his vehicle from smoke inhalation, according to John Sadler, Kosciusko County coroner.

Halsey was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes when he was 8 years old, according to his grandmother, Patty Emerick of Cromwell.

Mr. Halsey

She and other family members have no doubts he was having a reaction to low blood sugar when the accident took place.

"Scotty was very upset about his uncle's death," Mrs. Emerick said this week as she and others tried to cope with the aftermath..

"I just wish people would be more aware of diabetes and what it does to a person," she added. "It's a terrible disease."

According to the Indiana State Police, Halsey, for "an unknown reason," refused to get out of the vehicle after the crash. The car caught fire with Halsey trapped inside, and attempts to get him out of the car by people who stopped at the scene were unsuccessful, according to police reports.

Halsey was observed driving in an erratic manner just before the accident and had run over several mailboxes, according to a police report.

According to police reports, witnesses tried desperately to pull Halsey out of his car but he resisted those efforts. Police said witnesses told them that Halsey yelled at his would-be rescuers to leave him alone.

By the time firefighters from Syracuse arrived at the scene, the car was fully engulfed in flames, police said. Firefighters put out the blaze but Halsey was dead from smoke inhalation.

Halsey's wife, who arrived at the scene of the accident but was kept at a distance by police, told police about her husband's diabetes problems.

Halsey's wife told police he had been to a friend's house just before the accident, feeding his friend's dog while the friend was out of town. Mrs. Halsey told police she had talked to her husband while he was at the friend's house and that he sounded like he was having sugar problems at that time.

"That's the kind of person Scott was," his grandmother said. "He had a heart of gold and would do anything to help people. He would give you the shirt off his back."

An autopsy and toxicology testing will be conducted by the Kosciusko County coroner, which may shed some light on Halsey's medical condition before the wreck.

Scott Halsey

Scott W. Halsey, 33, died Saturday, March 26, 2005, in Kosciusko County.

Mr. Halsey was a lifetime Noble County resident. He was an operating engineer and member of Local 103 in Fort Wayne.

He enjoyed riding motorcycles and ATVs. His greatest joy was playing with his son and spending time with his family and friends.

Mr. Halsey was born Aug. 10, 1971, in Goshen to Warren "Butch" and Martha (Ritchie) Halsey. They survive in Ligonier. On July 19, 1997, in Ligonier, he married Michelle Smith. She survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are a son, Preston Halsey, at home; a sister, Tonya Halsey of Fort Wayne; his grandmothers, Patty Emerick of Cromwell and Juanita Ritchie of Ligonier; his best friend, Greg Reed of Syracuse; and many aunts and uncles.

Services were Wednesday, March 30 at the Ligonier United Methodist Church Crosswalk with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh and the Rev. Mitch Moser officiating.

Memorials are to the Preston Halsey College Fund.

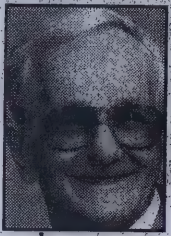
Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

March 31 2005 Ligonier, Indiana

Charles Price

Charles Edward "Ed" Price, 87, of Syracuse died Friday, March 25, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.


Mr. Price

He lived in Noble County as a child, moving first to Howe and then to Syracuse in 1959. He attended New Paris High School, and worked for 15 years at Syracuse Rubber, retiring in May 1982. He also worked at I.X.L. Cabinet Co. in Goshen.

On July 28, 1940, in Cosperville, he married Eleanor J. Hunter. He was a member of North Webster Church of God and its J.O.Y. senior group. He enjoyed ballroom dancing and square dancing.

Surviving are his wife, of Syracuse; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dee Ann Pifer of Syracuse, Gloria and Don Edwards of Auburn and Sandi and George Lung of Pierceton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Anita Price of Cromwell and Gary and Sharon Price of Syracuse; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Virgil Price of Ligonier and Robert and Ilene Price of Defiance, Ohio; and a sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Kenton Miller of Cromwell.

A sister, Betty LeMieux, preceded him in death.

Services were Tuesday, March 29 at North Webster Church of God, with Pastor Jeff Boyer officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Paul Jacobs

Paul Jacobs, 53, of Ligonier died Wednesday, March 30, 2005 at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Della Mae Jacobs.

Services are Saturday, April 2 at the Salem United Baptist Church near Rome City, starting at 11 p.m.

Calling is today, Thursday, after 5 p.m., with services at 6 p.m., and Friday afternoon, with services at 6 p.m., also at the church.

Please see Thursday's News-Sun for a complete obituary for Mr. Jacobs.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the church or the Shriners, and can be made at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, or the church.

To send condolences, sign the register or light a memorial candle, visit www.demoney-grimes.com.

Roy Lohrei Jr.

Roy Lohrei Jr., 78, of Ligonier died Friday, March 25, 2005, at Avalon Village Healthcare, Ligonier.

Mr. Lohrei

A lifelong Noble County resident, he worked as a process technician for 29 years at Monsanto Corp. in Ligonier. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge for the U.S. Army during World War II, and was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and loved spending time with his family.

He was born May 13, 1926, in Noble County to Roy W. Sr. and Edith A. (Eldridge) Lohrei. On Aug. 10, 1955, in North Webster, he married Helen Duesler, and his wife survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Katherine and Kevin Calvelage of Ligonier and Penny and Marvin Retcher of Fremont; a sister, Maydene Zumbrun of Avilla; and two grandchildren, Brad Barhydt and Preston Retcher.

A brother, W. Burt Lohrei, and a sister, Nina Fisel, preceded him in death.

Services were Tuesday, March 29 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating.

Burial will be in Brown Cemetery in Middlebury, with graveside military rites. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Marianne Price

Marianne "Mo" Price, 47, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, March 26, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had lived in Ligonier until moving to Fort Wayne in 1975.

Ms. Price had been a sales representative in the housewares department at J.C. Penney in Fort Wayne for 10 years.

She was a 1975 graduate of West Noble High School. She enjoyed cooking and giving away items she had crafted. She loved animals, especially her dogs, Toby and Missy.

She was born June 25, 1957, in LaGrange to Charles and Elsie V. (Polyak) Price. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are her longtime companion, Tom Fabian of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Cheryl Allen of Michigan City and Lorraine K. and Mark Kramer of Schaumburg, Ill.; a niece; and a nephew.

Services will be at noon Saturday, April 2 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Muriel Reed

Muriel L. Reed, 85, died Friday, March 25, 2005, at Avalon Village Health Care in Ligonier.

Mrs. Reed was a homemaker. She enjoyed planting her flower garden each year, as well as singing and playing bingo. She had the natural ability to play piano by ear.

She was born Jan. 17, 1920, to Frank C. Vondersmith and Edith Yoder. She married George A. Reed on Aug. 15, 1957, in Ligonier. He preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 2003.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Mirite Cripe of Ligonier and Ronald and Lydia Cripe and Mark and Jean Reed, all of Goshen; two daughters and a son-in-law, Brenda Steller of Ligonier and Kim and Dan Waynee of Coleman, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons.

There will be no services or calling. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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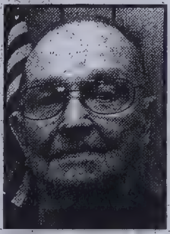
Longtime Angola businessman Blaine Arkwright dies at 87

ANGOLA — Blaine Arkwright, 87, died Thursday, March 31, 2005, at Lakeland Health Care in Angola.

He owned and operated Arkwright TV Service from 1953-1983, when he retired. He was a member of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission local board for 38 years, and also served on the board for the Steuben County Council on Aging. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose for more than 55 years, and American Legion Post No. 31 for 60 years. He was also a voyageur of The Forty and Eight. He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

He had also worked for Wayne Pump Co. with the British government as an inspector of shells.

He was inducted into the U.S. Army in August 1943, trained in California for artillery and anti-aircraft and then attended mines and demolition school, for which he became an instructor. He served in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Bavaria with the U.S. Army anti-aircraft during World War II.



Mr. Arkwright

He was born Feb. 12, 1918, in Northwest Township, Williams County, Ohio, to Weir and Hazel (Hershey) Arkwright. He graduated high school in Camden, Mich., and on June 14, 1941, he married Geneva "Gene" (Eisenhour) Arkwright. His wife survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Terry Joe Arkwright of Warsaw; two grandchildren, Amy Boulware and Shelby Elias; two stepgrandchildren, Mark McCormack and Melissa Jeffries; three great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

An infant son, Gary, preceded him in death in 1947 and a brother, Carl, is also deceased.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, with military rites by Angola American Legion Post No. 31. Memorials are to the Steuben County Council on Aging and Cameron Hospice.

Linda Lutter

LAOTTO — Linda Kay Lutter, 48, of rural LaOtto died at 4:15 a.m. today, Friday, April 1, 2005, at her home in Swan Township. She had been in declining health for some time and had been seriously ill for the past year.

Survivors include her husband, Randy J. Lutter; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeremy and Jennifer Lutter and Jason and Amanda Lutter, all of LaOtto; her mother, Betty Adams of LaOtto; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Shelly Adams of LaOtto: a grandson, Brian Lutter; and two nephews.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsand-childs.net.

Vivian Koon

AVILLA — Vivian E. Koon, 88, of Avilla died today, Friday, April 1, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Stanley Oesch

TOPEKA — Stanley G. Oesch, 87, of Topeka died at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Oesch

Mr. Oesch was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County.

He had retired from the research and development department at Smoker Craft Inc. in New Paris.

Mr. Oesch was a member of the Wawaka Church of the Brethren where he had served as a deacon.

He was also a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and AARP. He enjoyed woodworking, reading and fishing.

He was born July 1, 1917, in LaGrange County to William and Goldie (Garber) Oesch. On Sept. 29, 1940, in Wawaka he married Arleen Kendall. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Barry A. and Darlene Oesch of Goshen and Timothy K. and Beverly Oesch of Topeka; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa A. and Dan Garman of New Haven; two sisters, Joyce Tierney of Logansport and LaVerne Hartzler of Twelve Mile; 14 grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Wawaka Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Verne Leininger officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Wawaka Church of the Brethren or Gideon's International.

Helen Riser

BUTLER — Helen Ruth Riser, 68, of Butler died Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Riser was a homemaker and a member of Zion United Baptist Church in Valentine.

She was born Dec. 10, 1936, in Jackson, Ky., to John and Bodie (South) Morris. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her fiance, Billy Wicker; two daughters and a son-in-law, Louise Turner of Akron, Ohio, and Carolyn and Ken Carter of Bryan, Ohio; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Donald Ray and Diane Morris of Hamilton, Garland Morris of Morristown, Tenn., and Larry W. and Anna Morris of Jackson; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Mildred Anderson of Hamilton, Tenn., Lois and Jim Hearn of Jonesboro, Ga., Virginia and Boyd Moore of Waterloo, Eunice and Elmer Couch of Jackson and Doris and Everett Crase of Jackson; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Virgil Ronnie Turner, and a brother, Marlin Morris.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Helmer Independent Baptist Church with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Calling will be today after 3 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information about family members.*

Mazie Thomson

AUBURN — Mazie J. Myers Thomson, 87, of Auburn died Monday, March 28, 2005, in her home.

Mrs. Thomson worked as a cook at the St. Joe Conservation Club for 17 years and as a waitress at the 69 Restaurant in Ashley for 10 years.

She was secretary for DeKalb County Farm Bureau and a member of the Auburn Church of Christ. She loved to fish.

She was born March 9, 1918, in DeKalb County to John B. and Cora Mary (Gramling) Brown.

She graduated from St. Joe High School in 1937.

She married her first husband, Hugh E. Myers, on July 15, 1939, and he died Oct. 5, 1992.

She married Roger S. Thomson on May 13, 1997, and he died Jan. 9, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ethan E. and Theresa Myers of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Nila J. and Larry Clear of Waterloo; a daughter-in-law, Nancy R. Fike of Angola; a sister-in-law, B. Almeda Brown of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Darrel G. Myers; a brother, Cecil Brown; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ivan and Betty Brown.

Services were Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial was in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ or DeKalb County Hospice.

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atsy Bratton

ANGOLA — Patsy E. ratton, 75, died Thursday, arch 31, 2005, at Northern akes Nursing and Rehabilita- on Center in ngola ollowing a ngthy lness.

Mrs. Bratton

She raduated rom Angola ligh School 1947 and ater attended ort Wayne Art School. She njoyed working with youth rograms, and was a Cub Scout en mother for several years nd a teen program volunteer.

She was a past president of he Angola Ladies Fire Department and the Steuben County epublican Women's Club and member of the American egion Women's Auxiliary. he joined Beta Sigma Phi orority in 1949, and became a ifetime member of Beta Sigma hi International. She was past resident of the Laureate Alpha Mu chapter in Angola.

She was employed for many years in the office of Golden Auto Parts, of which she was a part-owner, retiring in 1994.

She was born Sept. 3, 1929, in Auburn to Vincent and Beulah (Lower) Cremean. On Sept. 17, 1950, at the Angola Church of Christ, she married Richard Bratton of Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Barbara Bratton of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Michael Orr of Alpena, Mich.; a great-granddaughter; and a stepgreat-granddaughter.

Her father died in 1929 and her mother in 1998. Her stepfather, Oscar Parsons, preceded her in death in 1973, and her daughter, Patricia Haifley, in 1978.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before services Saturday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola. Memorials are to Angola Christian Church and Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Bob Bamberg

LAGRANGE — Bob Bamberg, 78, of LaGrange, died at his home on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, after a long illness.

Mr. Bamberg

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Adriana "Jane" Bamberg; a son, Leendert Bamberg Jr. of Schoolcraft, Mich.; a daughter, JoDien Bamberg of Woodburn; a grandson, Robert Lee Bamberg of Woodburn; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Vera Bamburg of Australia, Dinie and Ko Kiwiet of Portage, Mich., and Lenie and George Schuur of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and a sister-in-law, Maartje Bamberg of the Netherlands.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Jacob; a sister-in-law, Lana; and his daughter-in-law, Karen.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola. Cremation will follow. Calling is today from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home at 108 S. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice.

Connie McAlister

WATERLOO — Connie Lynette McAlister, 40, of Waterloo died Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at her home.

Ms. McAlister

Most of her life was spent as a caregiver. She also worked at Kaghann's Korner as a third-shift waitress until she was diagnosed with cancer in 2003.

She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, reading books, singing karaoke and cooking.

She was born Aug. 20, 1964, in Portland, Ore.

Surviving are two children, Blake and Jordon Gregory of Garrett; her father and stepmother, David McAlister Sr. and Linda McAlister of Portland; her mother, Ramona McAlister of Portland, Ore.; a brother and sister-in-law, David McAlister Jr. and Peggy McAlister of Waterloo; three brothers, Mike McAlister, Jeff McAlister and David McAlister, all of Oregon; 10 nieces and nephews; and numerous friends.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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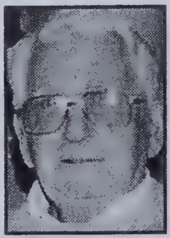
THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include an additional survivor.*

Stanley Oesch

TOPEKA — Stanley G. Oesch, 87, of Topeka died at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2005, at his home.


Mr. Oesch

Mr. Oesch was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County.

He had retired from the research and development department at Smoker Craft Inc. in New Paris.

Mr. Oesch was a member of the Wawaka Church of the Brethren where he had served as a deacon.

He was also a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and AARP. He enjoyed woodworking, reading and fishing.

He was born July 1, 1917, in LaGrange County to William and Goldie (Garber) Oesch. On Sept. 29, 1940, in Wawaka he married Arleen Kendall. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Barry A. and Darlene Oesch of Goshen and Timothy K. and Beverly Oesch of Topeka; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa A. and Dan Garman of New Haven; three sisters, Joyce Tierney of Logansport, Gloria Mynhier and her husband, Gene, of Wolcottville, and LaVerne Hartzler of Twelve Mile; 14 grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Wawaka Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Verne Leininger officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Wawaka Church of the Brethren or Gideon's International.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Mary "May" Smith** were held at 4 p.m. March 25 at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. James Toole officiating.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **A. Pauline McPheters** were held at 11 a.m. March 26 at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery. Pallbearers were Matthew R. Bennett, George Bennett, Joe Cazier, Richard Simon, James Frey Sr. and Larry Adair.

Peggy Schultz

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Peggy L. Schultz, 71, of Leo-Cedarville, died Thursday, March 31, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Schultz was a licensed practical nurse at St. Joseph Hospital and was the former owner of Traces of Time Antique Shop in Leo.

She was born April 10, 1933, in Whitley County to Doc and Ada (Spaw) Cramer.

She married Clayton Carl Schultz on Oct. 17, 1952, in Fort Wayne. He died Aug. 21, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Shirley Schultz of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Denise Bauserman of Monroeville; a stepson and his wife, Charles and Linda Schultz of Port Orchard, Wash.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Susan and John Treager of Arnold, Mo.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Carole Cramer of Auburn; and a sister, Donna Snyder of Syracuse.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Nancy Christlieb.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 4914 Hanna St., Fort Wayne, IN 46806 or Allen County Animal Care & Control, 3020 Hillegas Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Patsy Bratton

ANGOLA — Patsy E. Bratton, 75, died Thursday, March 1, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Bratton

She graduated from Angola High School in 1947 and later attended Fort Wayne Art School. She enjoyed working with youth programs, and was a Cub Scout den mother for several years and a teen program volunteer.

She was a past president of the Angola Ladies Fire Department and the Steuben County Republican Women's Club and a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. She joined Beta Sigma Phi sorority in 1949, and became a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi International. She was past president of the Laureate Alpha Mu chapter in Angola.

She was employed for many years in the office of Golden Auto Parts, of which she was a part-owner, retiring in 1994.

She was born Sept. 3, 1929 in Auburn to Vincent and Beulah (Lower) Cremean. On Sept. 17, 1950, at the Angola Church of Christ, she married Richard Bratton of Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Barbara Bratton of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Michael Orr of Alpena, Mich.; a granddaughter and her husband, Shannon and Nathan Shatto of Angola, and a stepgrandson and his wife, Joshua and Jessery Orr of Alpena; a great-granddaughter; and a stepgreat-granddaughter.

Her father died in 1929 and her mother in 1998. Her stepfather, Oscar Parsons, preceded her in death in 1973, and her daughter, Patricia Haifley, in 1978.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before services Saturday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola. Memorials are to Angola Christian Church and Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Vivian Koon

KENDALLVILLE — Vivian E. Koon, 88, of Kendallville died Friday, April 1, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Koon

Mrs. Koon was born July 8, 1916, in Hudson to Henry and Evalina (Myers) Opdycke. She married Frank M. Koon on Aug. 18, 1934, in Hudson, and he preceded her in death on June 3, 1966.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Phyllis and John Warner of Englewood, Fla., Dorothy Clark of Decatur, Ala., and Harriet Rose of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Leonard and Pat Koon of Findlay, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Marian Opdycke of Pleasant Lake; 19 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a great-grandson; a son-in-law; two brothers, Floyd and Herman Opdycke; and two sisters, Maddie Opdycke and Addie Giradot.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Mike Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences can be left online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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April 2 2005 Kendallville, Indiana

Linda Lutter

LAOTTO — Linda Kay Lutter, 48, of rural LaOtto, died Friday, April 1, 2005, at 4:15 a.m. at the family residence in Swan Township.

She had been in declining health for some time and had been seriously ill for the past year.

Mrs. Lutter

Always active as a farm wife, she assisted her husband in operating the family farm in Swan Township and also owned and operated the Farmer's Corner Restaurant in LaOtto from 1981 to 1993.

Mrs. Lutter was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, was a past president of the LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and co-authored two cookbooks with her mother.

She was born May 19, 1956, in Garrett to Dale E. and Betty (Strong) Adams. She spent her formative years on the family farm east of LaOtto and graduated from Garrett High School in 1974.

On June 7, 1974, she married Randy J. Lutter in LaOtto. The couple spent their entire married lives in the same home northwest of LaOtto.

Surviving are her husband; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeremy and Jennifer Lutter and Jason and Amanda Lutter, all of LaOtto; her mother, Betty Adams of LaOtto; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Shelly Adams of LaOtto; a grandson, Brian Lutter; and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dale E. Adams, on July 18, 1994.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Emmanuel Lutheran Church of LaOtto with Pastor Sue Socha officiating. Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery north of LaOtto.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, and Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsand-childs.net.

Harold Strait

NORTH MUSKEGON, Mich. — Harold Dale Strait, 87, of North Muskegon, Mich., died Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at Hackley Hospital.

He and his wife were the proprietors of Harold's Gulf and Harold's Northshore Mobil of North Muskegon from 1948 to 1977.

After retiring, he enjoyed wintering in Zephryhills, Fla., and traveling with the Airstream Trailer Club. He loved making wind spinners, doing word search puzzles, fishing, bowling and spending time with his beloved dog, Toby. He enjoyed spending time with his family, friends and customers from his business.

He was born July 13, 1917, in Hart, Mich., to Benjamin and Jennie (Vaneps) Strait.

He married Verna D. Smith on July 18, 1936. She survives.

He is survived by five daughters and four sons-in-law, Karel and Tom Dawe, Maxine and Mike Gilmore, Vernita and Charlie Miller of Auburn, Linnea Strait and her fiance, Terry Mortenson, and Becky and Bob Wells of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Joan Strait and Don and Terri Strait; a daughter-in-law, Linda Strait; 21 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Audrey and Sharon; a son, Ron; a granddaughter, Lori; a sister, Evelyn Critchett; a half-sister, Mary (Haughey) Bates; and two half-brothers, Tom and Bill Haughey.

Calling will be today from noon to 2 p.m. at the Clock Funeral Home, Muskegon. A memorial service begin at 2 p.m. in the Clock Chapel with the Rev. Dwight Reed officiating.

A private burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left at www.clockfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN

April 3 2005 Kendallville, Indiana

Mr. Arkwright was well-known, 'well-liked'

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Blaine Arkwright never knew a stranger, and was a man who made friends easily.

"He was well-liked," said his wife, Gene, with who he would have celebrated a 64th wedding anniversary on June 14.

Mr. Arkwright died Thursday at Lakeland Heath Care Center in Angola. He was 87.

"He was a good teacher, someone who demanded that I be honest and a good person. He wouldn't tolerate anything less," said Mr. Arkwright's son, Terry. "He taught me some good values and to treat people fairly."

Those lessons, Terry said, are something he remembered and has tried to pass on to his own children.

"Thank God, I think I've been fairly successful," he said. "I have two wonderful daughters."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Blaine and Gene Arkwright of Angola.

Mr. Arkwright was a well-known businessman in Angola, as he owned Arkwright TV Service from 1953 to1983. A civic-minded man, he served on the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission local board for 38 years (and was recently honored for those years of service), and also served on the board for the Steuben County Council on Aging.

"He certainly went out and worked on a lot of elderly women's TV sets when they needed them fixed right now," Gene said with a smile in her voice. "When he first started the business, he was the one who went out and made all the calls."

Gene said her husband enjoyed his work and loved owning his shop, but when the time to retire came around, he was ready.

Mr. Arkwright enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943, and served his country during World War II.

"He really wouldn't talk about his time in the service too much," Terry said of his father. "All I know is it was really awful, and he was glad to come home."

Mr. Arkwright fell ill several months ago. He had a heart valve replaced, then suffered an infection and a mild stroke. He had a pacemaker put in, and was diagnosed with cancer this past winter. At the end, he had to go to a nursing home when Gene couldn't care for him alone anymore.

"Those girls there were so good to him," Gene said. "He was really afraid of having to go there, but he sure changed his mind."

Gene said although she will miss her husband terribly, she is glad that his suffering is over.

"The way he'd been at the end, it was kind of a blessing for him," she said.

Terry said his mother, although tired now, will be all right.

"She's a special lady, and she and my father had a lot of good years together," he said.

John Rose

WAWAKA — John F. Rose, 78, of rural Wawaka, died Friday, April 1, 2005, at Heritage Park in Fort Wayne.

A lifelong resident of Noble County, he was a farmer and had driven a school bus for the West Noble School Corp. He was a member of the Noble County Gas & Steam Association, the National Camper & Hikers Association, and had been an Elkhart Township trustee for many years.

Mr. Rose

He was an avid follower of West Noble sports, especially boys and girls basketball, and had been honored by players and school staff for his attendance and support. A past 4-H leader, he was involved with the 4-H tractor club and the Noble County Fair. He was a member of the Cosperville Baptist Church.

He was born Jan. 6, 1927, to Daniel and Marie (Lower) Rose.

Surviving are his wife, Georgia Rose of Wawaka; three sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Beth Rose of Plymouth, Tom and Joy Rose of Wawaka, and Jim and Kay Rose of Wawaka; two daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Jim Glasson of Ligonier and Mary and Charlie Mills of Warsaw; two stepdaughters, Vicki and husband Larry Roop of Fort Wayne and Connie Henry of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Stephen and Hazel Lawrence of Misssissippi; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 10 stepgrand-children and 14 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Vera (Wysong) in 1989; his parents; and one grandson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Cosperville Baptist Church, with the Rev. James Bames officiating. Burial will be at Cosperville Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Cosperville Baptist Church or the Noble County Gas & Steam Association.

Oscar Helmuth

SHIPSHEWANA — Oscar H. Helmuth, 80, of rural Shipshewana, died at 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2005, at his residence.

He was a farmer, and had moved to Shipshewana from Nappanee three years ago.

He was born Oct. 13, 1924, in Marshall County to Henry and Lydia Ann (Hoschstetler) Helmuth. On Nov. 14, 1946, in Nappanee, he married Barbara Yoder.

Surviving are his wife; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Marlin and Katie Helmuth of Nappanee, Keith and Norma Helmuth of Middlebury and Owen Helmuth of Nappanee; six daughters and four sons-in-law, Mae Helmuth of Cleveland, Ohio, Freida and Willis Borkholder of Nappanee, Clara Walters of Adrian, Mich., Ruth and David Whetstone of Nappanee, Edna and Mervin Yoder of Shipshewana, and Inez and Michael Hochstetler of Elkhart; a sister, Katie Yoder of Middlebury; six brothers and their wives LeRoy and Inez Helmuth of Goshen, John and Cora Helmuth of Nappanee, Elmer and Laura Mae Helmuth of Nappanee, James and Ann Helmuth of Topeka, Mahlon and Mary Helmuth of Predmont, S.C., and Lester and Esther Helmuth of Nappanee; 45 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one daughter, Emma; two granddaughters; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the home of Harley Lambright Jr., 6555 W. C.R. 200N, with Bishop Casper Hochstetler officiating. Burial will be at East Barrens Cemetery.

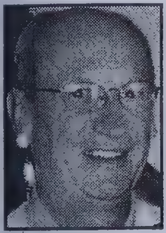
Calling will be all day today at the Oscar Helmuth home, 6450 W. C.R. 275N Shipshewana.

The Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Larry Coney

LAGRANGE — Larry D. Coney, 56, of rural LaGrange, died Friday, April 1, 2005, at his home.

He was the retired postmaster at Howe where he worked 33 years. He was a lifelong resident of LaGrange County.


Mr. Coney

A U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, he had been awarded the Purple Heart. He was a member of the LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and the LaGrange Moose Lodge.

He was born June 24, 1948, in Kendallville to Orval and Loretta (Rumsey) Coney. He married Rebecca J. Outcalt on Feb. 3, 1968, in Hudson.

Surviving are his wife; his mother; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Dan Kreider of Wolcottville and Laura and Tony Lemert of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law Bruce and Morlinda Coney of Butler; four sisters and their husbands Joyce and Donald Curtis of Wolcottville, Connie and Ronald Burtch of Wolcottville, Brenda and Paul Trowbridge of Phoenix, and Marsha and Mark Shumaker of LaGrange; and three grandsons Adam and Evan Kreider and Trevor Lemert.

Preceding him in death was his father.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 N. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery of LaGrange.

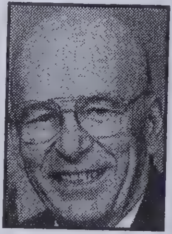
Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

William Hjelm

GARRETT — William Howard Hjelm, 76, of Garrett died Friday, April 1, 2005, at his residence.

He was a farmer most of his life; for 22 years in rural Topeka and for 21 years farming the Schultess farm on Taylor Road, retiring in 1989. He worked at the Super Wash in Garrett.


Mr. Hjelm

He was a Sunday school teacher for many years at the Lakewood Park Baptist Church of Auburn.

He was born July 2, 1928, in Chicago to Harvey and Clara (Howard) Hjelm. He married Frances M. Warner on June 28, 1969, in Auburn.

Surviving are his wife; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Daniel and Mary Hjelm of Garrett, Kenneth and Connie Croy of Auburn, and Calvin Croy of Houston, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Ted Swihart of Butler; a brother and sister-in-law, Harve and Sharon Hjelm of Arkansas; a sister, Louise Mawhorter of Cincinnati, Ohio; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn, with pastor Clare Jewell officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church or DeKalb Memorial Home Health & Hospice.

Robert Gaff

AUBURN — Robert E. "Gene" Gaff, 83, of rural Auburn and formerly of Churubusco, died at 11:55 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2005, at Harborside Healthcare in New Haven following a lengthy illness.

He was the owner and operator of Gaff's Tin Shop in Churubusco from 1960 to 1997, when he retired.

Mr. Gaff

He was born July 19, 1921, in Churubusco to Roy and Alice (Hull) Gaff. He spent his formative years in Churubusco, where he graduated high school in 1941. He served with the Army Air Corps in World War II.

On Sept. 17, 1955, he married Mildred Rosenogle in Angola. They moved to Auburn in 1997.

Mr. Gaff was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and also the Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Melanie Gaff of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Carolyn Parker of Jackson, Mich.; two sisters, Betty Gaff and Ellen Griffin, both of Churubusco; a brother and his wife, Ralph and Dorothy Gaff of Phoenix, Ariz.; two grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Rick Van Horn, pastor of the Believer's Bible Fellowship, officiating. Burial with military graveside rites will be at Sweet Cemetery in Noble County.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Myrtle Armstrong

EDON, Ohio — Myrtle A. Armstrong, 97, of Edon, Ohio, died Sunday, April 3, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola after an extended illness.

She was born Jan. 28, 1908, in Jackson Center, Ohio, to Lewis Phillip and Julia Frances (Wilson) Schaffer. She married William E. Armstrong on April 4, 1925, in Newport, Ky. He preceded her in death on June 17, 1981.

Mrs. Armstrong was a homemaker and a member of the Angola Church of the Nazarene for 60 years. She served as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent there, and in many other capacities for many years.

In 1990, she received the Distinguished Service Award from the church for 42 years of service. She was a past president of Edon KALA and served on the KALA advisory council. She was a longtime volunteer at the Edon Middle School, and in 1993, she was recognized by the state of Ohio for 60 years of consecutive voting.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Glenna Derringer of Bryan, Ohio; three daughters and a son-in-law, Pat Hay of Edon, Shirley M. Tibbs of Angola and Linda K. and Steve Welmer of Bradenton, Fla.; four sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Jenny Armstrong of Bryan, Earl and Evelyn Armstrong of Hamilton, Gene and Diane Armstrong of Perry, Ohio, and Larry and Kay Armstrong of Clear Lake; 29 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; nine stepgreat-grandchildren; six stepgreat-great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers; three sisters; a daughter, Myrtle Eileen Armstrong; and a grandson, Timothy William Beck.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, with the Rev. Randy Marshall officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery, Columbia, Ohio.

Memorials are to Angola Church of the Nazarene.

Condolences can be left online at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Steven Waters

AUBURN — Steven C. Waters, 63, of Auburn died Saturday, April 2, 2005, at 6:25 a.m. in his home.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Waters had lived in Auburn for 30 years. He worked as a pressman for Fort Wayne Newspapers for 42 years, retiring in 2001. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Surviving are his wife, Sally J.; a son, Jon D. Waters of Waterloo; two daughters, Lorri L. Haber and Jill A. Skaggs, both of Auburn; a sister, Jackie Nicholls of North Augusta, Ga.; and two grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Patsy Erne

WOODBURN — Patsy Elaine McConnel Erne, 77, of Woodburn died Saturday, April 2, 2005, at The Cedars in Leo.

She was involved in child evangelism and loved sharing with children about Jesus.

A native of Wisconsin, she was a member of the Westwood Fellowship Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Jay Herb of Woodburn; three sons and daughters-in-law, Lewis and Kerilyn Erne of Charlotte, N.C., James and Kathy Erne of St. Joe and John and Rita Erne of New Haven; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Westwood Fellowship Church, 4100 Becker Road, Woodburn. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Hockemeyer Funeral Home of Harlan is handling arrangements.

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Marlene Kay Belcher

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Marlene Kay Belcher, 49, of Defiance, Ohio, died Saturday, April 2, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Belcher was a homemaker and an honors graduate of Northwest State Community College as a paralegal. She attended the First Church of God in Defiance.

She was born Jan. 23, 1956, in Auburn to Russel and Helen (Spaulding) Hoffer. He father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Gotha, Fla.

She married Ronnie Belcher on Sept. 5, 1980. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Miranda K. Belcher, at home; a son, Jordan L. Belcher of Defiance, Ohio; and a sister, Anita Millwald of Gotha, Fla.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. Indiana time in Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, 1753 S. Clinton St., Defiance, with the Rev. Bryan Maxey officiating. Interment will be at Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Indiana time at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Salome Lockhart

BUTLER — Salome C. Lockhart, 85, of Butler died Saturday, April 2, 2005, at 11:50 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

She had worked as a machinist at Universal Tool & Stamping in Butler.

She was born Jan. 2, 1920, in Butler to Jaspar and Clara Pepper.

She married Herbert Lockhart in March 1954 in Bryan, Ohio. He died Aug. 23, 1959.

Surviving are two sons, Herbert Lockhart Jr. of Bluffton and James Lockhart of Butler; two daughters, Ellen Myers of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Alice Richmond of Pedro, N.M.; and 13 grandchildren.

A son, Paul Myers, preceded her in death.

No services or calling are planned. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

Janet Lindley

WOLCOTTVILLE — Janet E. Lindley, 66, of Wolcottville died Friday, April 1, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lindley was a homemaker and native of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Richard F. Lindley; a son, Richard F. Lindley of Kendallville; a daughter, Linda L. Laisure of Wolcottville; two brothers, Frank J. Fenker of Fort Wayne and Dan E. Fenker of Portland, Ore.; three sisters, Barbara Juhasz of Edon, Ohio, Delores Wolford of Evansville and Sister Angelita Fenker SFCC of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Devon and Bryce Laisure of Wolcottville.

Private services will be today at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Tom Mungovan Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors in information from the funeral home.*

Vivian Koon

KENDALLVILLE — Vivian E. Koon, 88, of Kendallville died Friday, April 1, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Koon

Mrs. Koon was born July 8, 1916, in Hudson to Henry and Evalina (Myers) Opdycke. She married Frank M. Koon on Aug. 18, 1934, in Hudson, and he preceded her in death on June 3, 1966.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Koon will be remembered for her loving care of others.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Phyllis and John Warner of Englewood, Fla., Dorothy Clark of Decatur, Ala., and Harriet Rose of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Leonard and Pat Koon of Findlay, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Marian Opdycke of Pleasant Lake; 19 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter; a son-in-law; two brothers, Floyd and Hemen Opdycke; and two sisters, Maddie Opdycke and Addie Giradot.

Services were Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Mike Stanley officiating. Burial was in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences can be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Esther Sanders

ANGOLA — Esther M. Sanders, 95, of Angola died Sunday, April 3, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Sanders was born April 9, 1909, in Otsego Township, Steuben County, to Earl and Ethel (Dirrim) Lemmon. She was married to Mark Sanders in June, 1928, and he preceded her in death on May 21, 1979.

She worked at Harmon's Bridal Shop for 10 years and Thomas Family Center for 17 years. She was a member of the Angola Christian Church and was a past regent for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was a Red Cross volunteer for several years and belonged to several bridge clubs. She was a member of the Silver Lake Ladies Aide and the Angola Women of the Moose. She was Steuben County's Woman of the Year in 1996.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Herbert Paul and Nancy Sanders and Phillip Steven and Virgene Sanders, all of Angola; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a stepgreat-great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Virgie Rensner

FORT WAYNE — Virgie (Berry) Rensner, 61, died Sunday, April 3, 2005, at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rensner

Born in Kentucky, she retired to Florida.

She was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church while in Florida. After returning to Indiana, she became a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her mother, Myrtle Burkett of Kimmell; two sons, Timothy Patton (Steve Hardiek) of Cape Canaveral, Fla., and Daniel Patton (Rhonda Slone) of Avilla; a daughter, Teresa Hess of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Tammy Burkett of Goshen and Glo Amburgey of Oklahoma; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father; three sisters and six brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Beautiful Savior Lutheran, 11228 Coldwater Road.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice.

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Guy McPherson

FORT WAYNE — Guy F. McPherson, 79, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, April 2, 2005, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, after suffering a stroke.

Mr. McPherson was born in Payne, Ohio, on July 27, 1925; to John and Cora (Zortman) McPherson. He was married to Janet McPherson, and she survives.

He was a member of the American Legion, and was a Polk City councilman in Polk City, Fla. He was the mayor of Polk City until 2004, and was also a volunteer fireman there.

Also surviving are three daughters, Judith Feasel and Susan Murphy, both of Fort Wayne, and Sandra Walling of Winter Garden, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Beverly McPherson of Hudson; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Gloria Buckles of Hudson and Sam-Mantha and Dave Postoloff of Angola; two sisters, Betty Helmke of Albion and Anna Emrich of Payne; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Nancy Hoskins, and a grandson, Gerrid McPherson.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Memorials are to Polk City Town Hall Building Fund.

Margaret Leslie

ROME CITY — Margaret Marie Leslie, 89, of Rome City died Monday, April 4, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Leslie had been a homemaker and farmer. She had also worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne and the Rimmell Hat Shop in Kendallville.

She was born July 27, 1915, in Kendallville to Charles and Anna (Schmidt) Burger. On Jan. 27, 1944, in Brimfield, she married John A. Leslie. He survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ira and Deb Leslie of Ashley; three daughters and a son-in-law, Sue Smith, Jane Leslie and Sally and Kenneth Freed, all of Rome City; six grandchildren, Amy Salmons of Avilla, Joe Freed of Rome City, John D. Leslie of Kendallville, Jeff Leslie of Waterloo, Chris Swanson of Pflugerville, Texas, and Kelly Ritter of Auburn; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Ralph Burger.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Edward Gilbert

CHURUBUSCO — Edward E. Gilbert, 88, of Churubusco died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health and hospitalized since Friday.

Mr. Gilbert

Mr. Gilbert had been a mechanic at the former Floyd's Auto Sales in Churubusco for 42 years. He retired from there in 1977.

He was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, the Kekionga Long Rifle Club, Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157, Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3846 and the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association.

Mr. Gilbert was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born Sept. 14, 1916, in Churubusco to Charles and Bessie (Workman) Gilbert. On Oct. 20, 1945, in Ege, he married Freda E. Wise. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Fred C. and Coreen Gilbert of Fort Wayne, Thomas and Sue Gilbert and Edward J. Gilbert, all of Churubusco, and Charles Gilbert of Warsaw; two daughters, Sarah A. Gilbert of Churubusco and Ellen Jefferies of LaOtto; a sister, Marie Sage of Churubusco; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery with military graveside rites.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with a rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Special Olympics.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

C. Benjamin Knott

DUNDEE, Fla. — C. Benjamin Knott, 68, of Dundee, Fla., died Saturday, April 2, 2005, in Dundee.

Mr. Knott

Mr. Knott moved from Auburn to Dundee in 1996.

He was a truck driver for Ruan Trucking. He had served in the U.S. Marine Corps and the Indiana Air National Guard. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Haines City, Fla.

He was born Oct. 29, 1936, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Connie (Warren) Knott of Dundee; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Debora Behler of Michigan, Barbara and Mark Dehebread of Indiana, Shari and John Fretz of Indiana and Tina Kunkel of Indiana; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stanley Allen Knott and Jennifer Knott and Troy Lung, all of Florida; three sisters, Lisa Savoy and Sharon King, both of Florida, and Sheryl Harvey of Indiana; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 10 a.m. Indiana time at the First United Methodist Church, 21 S. 2nd St., Haines City.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church, Haines City.

Oak Ridge Funeral Care of Haines City, Fla., is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be posted at www.oakridgefuneralcare.com.

Dallas Bleile

TOPEKA — Dallas Dean Bleile, 77, of Topeka died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Bleile

Mr. Bleile had been a farmer for more than 40 years and had served on the Concord Fire Department for nine years.

He was a member of Topeka United Methodist Church and a former member of Wawaka United Methodist Church. He had lived in Noble and LaGrange counties for 50 years.

Mr. Bleile was born Dec. 21, 1927, in Nappanee to John and Vera (Anglemeyer) Bleile. He married Esther Cook in 1946 in Elkhart. She died in 1989. He then married Penny Perry in 1990 in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Mark Rose of Plymouth; a stepdaughter and her husband, Michelle and Troy Stewart of Albion; two stepsons and their wives, Mike and Lisa Mabie of Carmel and Christopher and Twyla Mabie of Wolf Lake; a brother and sister-in-law, Chet and Brenda Bleile of Goshen; a sister, Darlene Hane of Syracuse; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah; and a sister, Arlois Wordinger.

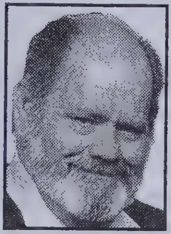
Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Topeka United Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert Wyman officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 728, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Sam Alvord

COLUMBIA CITY — Sam Jess Alvord, 59, of Columbia City died Monday, April 4, 2005, at 9 p.m. at his home.


Mr. Alvord

Mr. Alvord worked for funeral homes in Tampa for 10 years and also worked for Tampa Wholesale Liquors, Essex in Columbia City, and Dana Corp. for 25 years. He worked at the Westville Correctional Facility as a sergeant of security for five years during the recession. He returned to Dana and the Sheriff's Reserves for eight years from 1991 to 1999.

He was a member of South Whitley Masonic Lodge 510, the Columbia City Eagles and the Columbia City Moose lodge.

He was born Sept. 13, 1945, in Bradford, Pa., to Ruth Marie and Glen Heath Alvord. They preceded him in death.

At age 3, he moved to Tampa, Fla. He graduated from Montverde Academy at Montverde, Fla., with the class of 1963. He moved to Columbia City in 1976.

He married Judy Jean Miller on Jan. 11, 1974, at the Monticeia Presbyterian Church in Tampa. She survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Cory A. and Melissa T. Alvord of Butler and Glenn L. and Michelle D. Alvord of Columbia City; and two grandchildren, Klarrissa and Klayton Aughinbaugh of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by several aunts and uncles.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with the Rev. Ken Weaver of Parkview Home Health and Hospice officiating. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery at Columbia City.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. A twilight memorial service will be at 8 p.m. by South Whitley Masonic Lodge 510.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be posted at www.demoneygrimes.com.

Valerie Huffman

TUCSON, Ariz. — Former Angola resident Valerie Lynn Huffman, 45, of Tucson, Ariz., died Saturday, March 12, 2005, in Tucson.

Mrs. Huffman was born March 2, 1962, to Patricia and Lawrence Huffman.

Surviving are her husband, Doug Willison; her mother, Patricia Huffman; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Keith and Suzanne Huffman of Bluffton, Robert and Margie Huffman of Indianapolis and Larry Huffman of Bryan, Ohio; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Anita and Ron Bates of Fort Wayne, Pamela and Kerry Kramp of Eden Prairie, Minn. and Jean and Tom Leas of Indianapolis; her father-in-law, Paul Willison of Bronson, Mich.; nine nephews and eight nieces.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence Huffman; her mother-in-law, Millie Willison; and a brother-in-law, Rick Willison.

Private services for immediate family will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice, Meals on Wheels or St. Anthony Prayer Shawl Ministry, all of Angola; or donor's choice.

Local arrangements were handled by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Wayne Kerns

GADSDEN, Ala. — Wayne Leroy Kerns, 86, of Gadsden, Ala., died Feb. 16, 2005, after an extended illness.

Mr. Kerns was born in Waterloo to John A. and Nora Pifer Kerns.

He attended Purdue University and the University of Alabama-Gadsden Center.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving four years in World War II and the Korean War. While he was a supply sergeant with the 206th Amphibious Truck Co. of the Transportation Corps in Thule, Greenland, his unit was ordered to complete a military base within a very limited time before the passage route became frozen over. His other military duties includes service in the U.S. Army Reserve and the Alabama National Guard.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Gadsden, the Wesley Fellowship Sunday school class, the Gadsden Lions Club, Masonic Lodge 236 and the American Philatelic Society. His favorite pastime was fishing.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor Simmons Kerns; a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Michael Weaver of Lancaster, Pa.; a granddaughter, Jill Weaver of Elkton, Del.; a grandson, Scott Weaver of Lititz, Pa.; a brother and sister-in-law, Earl and Mary Kerns of Houston; a sister, Ruth Stebing of Waterloo; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted Feb. 19 in Gadsden, with burial in Forrest Cemetery.

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Susan Hoffman

ANGOLA — Susan Ann "Susie" Hoffman, 83, of Angola died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Hoffman was born Sept. 4, 1921, in Jamestown, N.Y., to Samuel and Nunzia (De Francisco) Dellario. She was married to Arthur H. Hoffman, who preceded her in death in December, 1973.

She was a cook for Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity for 21 years, retiring in 1984. She was a 55-year member of the Angola Women of the Moose, and a member of the Home Economics Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Barb Hoffman of Ashley; two daughters, Nancy Duffy of Gallatin, Tenn. and Sheila Dewitt and her significant other, Howard Patrick, both of Waterloo; a brother, Ray Dellario of Gasport, N.Y.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Dale Hoffman, in 1956; and two sisters, Josephine Sottosanti and Helen Bishop.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., with a Women of the Moose service at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola.

Roberta Keller

ANGOLA — Roberta J. Keller, 88, of Lake James died Wednesday, March 30, 2005, in Angola.

Mrs. Keller was born July 12, 1916, in Sylvania, Ohio, to Robert and Emma (Geise) Jacob. She married Charles A. Keller in 1939, and he preceded her in death in 1972.

She taught at Shawnee Middle School in Fort Wayne for 25 years. She moved to her family's summer home on Lake James 10 years ago after retiring.

She was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church, Fort Wayne, and the Fort Wayne Women's Club. She served as treasurer for the Steuben County Council on Aging for many years.

Surviving are two daughters, Carolyn Buchanan of Cincinnati and Shirley Stebing of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Jeff Buchanan of Little Otter Lake, whom she raised, Greg Stebing of Fort Wayne and Jeshana Buchanan and Jennifer Tefs, both of Cincinnati.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Plymouth Congregational Church. There will be no calling.

Tom Mungovan and Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is handling the arrangements.

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Wade Noe

SHIPSHEWANA — Wade Patterson Noe, 66, of Shipshewana died at 2:15 p.m. Monday, April 4, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Noe had lived in the Shipshewana community 37 years. He was a carpenter.

He was born April 9, 1938, in Ranger, W.Va., to George Freeman and Tennessee (Bryan) Noe. On May 16, 1964, in Cleveland, Ohio, he married Martha Jane McDonald. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Melissa Ann King of Shipshewana and Christie Deann Nate of Elkhart; a son, Gregory Wade Noe of Shipshewana; five sisters, Emma Mae Dean of Goshen, Dicie Elizabeth Fulks of Midkiff, W.Va., Donzel Ruth Fulks of Scottsville, Ky., and Maggie Jewel Asbury and Diana Jean Blank, both of Elkhart; a brother, Ab Bryant of Franklin, Ky.; four grandchildren; and a stepgrandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, George Freeman Noe and Richard Bryant.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home with the Rev. Floyd Hendricks of Highland Park Baptist Church in Elkhart officiating. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Delta Seely

HUNTERTOWN — Delta L. Seely, 82, of Huntertown died Monday, April 4, 2005, at her home.

She was an assistant to the director, business office and institutional research at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne for 21 years, retiring in 1986. She was a Peru native and a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church of LaOtto.

Surviving are her husband, Robert R. Seely; a daughter, Coleen A. Seely of White Bear Lake, Minn.; a son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Brenda Seely of Auburn; three grandchildren, Devin, Candice and Elizabeth Seely of Auburn; and a brother, Lowell Swick of Pierceton.

Preceding her in death were a daughter, Pamela Seely; two sisters; and four brothers.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice or Emmanuel Lutheran Church of LaOtto.

Guy McPherson, 79

FORT WAYNE — Guy F. McPherson, 79, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, April 2, 2005, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, after suffering a stroke.

Mr. McPherson was born in Payne, Ohio, on July 27, 1925, to John and Cora (Zortman) McPherson. He was married to Janet McPherson, and she survives.

He was a member of the American Legion and was a Polk City councilman in Polk City, Fla. He was the mayor of Polk City until 2004 and was also a volunteer fireman there.

Also surviving are three daughters, Judith Feasel and Susan Murphy, both of Fort Wayne, and Sandra Walling of Winter Garden, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Beverly McPherson of Hudson; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Gloria Buckles of Hudson and Sam-Mantha and Dave Postoloff of Angola; two sisters, Betty Helmke of Albion and Anna Emrich of Payne; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Nancy Hoskins, and a grandson, Gerrid McPherson.

Services were held Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Polk City Town Hall Building Fund.

Roy Lohrei, Jr., 78

LIGONIER — Roy Lohrei Jr., 78, of Ligonier died Friday, March 25, 2005, at Avalon Village Healthcare, Ligonier.

A lifelong Noble County resident, he worked as a process technician for 29 years at Monsanto Corp. in Ligonier. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge for the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved spending time with his family.

He was born May 13, 1926, in Noble County to Roy W. Sr. and Edith A. (Eldridge) Lohrei. On Aug. 10, 1955, in North Webster, he married Helen Duesler, and his wife survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Katherine and Kevin Calvelage of Ligonier and Penny and Marvin Retcher of Fremont; a sister, Maydene Zumbrun of Avilla; and two grandchildren, Brad Barhydt and Preston Retcher.

A brother, W. Burt Lohrei, and a sister, Nina Fisel, preceded him in death.

Services were held Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating.

Burial was in Brown Cemetery in Middlebury, with graveside military rites.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Stanley Oesch, 87

TOPEKA — Stanley G. Oesch, 87, of Topeka died Thursday, March 31, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Oesch was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County and a veteran of World War II, having served with the U.S. Army.

He had retired from the research and development department at Smoker Craft Inc. in New Paris.

Mr. Oesch was a member of the Wawaka Church of the Brethren where he had served as a deacon.

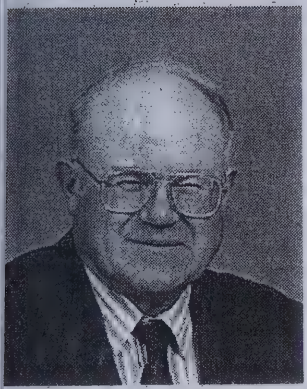
He was also a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and AARP. He enjoyed woodworking, reading and fishing.

He was born July 1, 1917, in LaGrange County to William and Goldie (Garber) Oesch. On Sept. 29, 1940, in Wawaka he married Arleen Kendall. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Barry A. and Darlene Oesch of Goshen and Timothy K. and Beverly Oesch of Topeka; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa A. and Dan Garman of New Haven; three sisters, Joyce Tierney of Logansport, Gloria Mynhier and her husband, Gene, of Wolcottville, and LaVerne Hartzler of Twelve Mile; 14 grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Services were held Monday, April 4, 2005, at Wawaka Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Verne Leininger officiating. Burial was in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Memorials are to Wawaka Church of the Brethren or Gideon's International.



John Rose, 78

WAWAKA — John F. Rose, 78, of rural Wawaka, died Friday, April 1, 2005, at Heritage Park in Fort Wayne.

A lifelong resident of Noble County, he was a farmer and had driven a school bus for the West Noble School Corp. He was a member of the Noble County Gas & Steam Association, the National Camper & Hikers Association, and had been an Elkhart Township trustee for many years.

He was an avid follower of West Noble sports, especially boys and girls basketball and had been honored by players and school staff for his attendance and support. A past 4-H leader, he was involved with the 4-H tractor club and the Noble County Fair. He was a member of the Cosperville Baptist Church.

He was born Jan. 6, 1927, to Daniel and Marie (Lower) Rose.

Surviving are his wife, Georgia Rose of Wawaka; three sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Beth Rose of Plymouth, Tom and Joy Rose of Wawaka, and Jim and Kay Rose of Wawaka; two daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Jim Glasson of Ligonier and Mary and Charlie Mills of Warsaw; two stepdaughters, Vicki and husband Larry Roop of Fort Wayne and Connie Henry of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Stephen and Hazel Lawrence of Misssissippi; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren and 14 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Vera (Wysong) in 1989; his parents; and one grandson.

Services were held Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at the Cosperville Baptist Church, with the Rev. James Bames officiating. Burial was at Cosperville Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Cosperville Baptist Church or the Noble County Gas & Steam Association.

Margaret Leslie, 89

ROME CITY — Margaret Marie Leslie, 89, of Rome City died Monday, April 4, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Leslie had been a homemaker and farmer. She had also worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne and the Rimmell Hat Shop in Kendallville.

She was born July 27, 1915, in Kendallville to Charles and Anna (Schmidt) Burger. On Jan. 27, 1944, in Brimfield, she married John A. Leslie. He survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ira and Deb Leslie of Ashley; three daughters and a son-in-law, Sue Smith, Jane Leslie and Sally and Kenneth Freed, all of Rome City; six grandchildren, Amy Salmons of Avilla, Joe Freed of Rome City, John D. Leslie of Kendallville, Jeff Leslie of Waterloo, Chris Swanson of Pflugerville, Texas, and Kelly Ritter of Auburn; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Ralph Burger.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

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Amanda Brown

BRYAN, Ohio — Amanda Elizabeth "Betty" Brown, 88, of Bryan, Ohio, died Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at Harborside Healthcare Center of Northwest Ohio, Bryan, where she was a hospice patient.

Mrs. Brown was born April 11, 1916, in Superior Township, Ohio, to John and Jennie D. (Myers) Young. She married John Edward Brown on May 23, 1936. He preceded her in death on Sept. 26, 1974.

A lifelong Bryan area resident, she graduated from Bryan High School in 1933. Primarily a homemaker, she also worked at the Ohio Art Co. and the former Holabird Co., both in Bryan.

She was a longtime member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Bryan Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2489, with which she was a seven-time past president as well as holding many other offices over the years. A member of the Red Cross, her main interest was in the blood program, as both a worker and a donor.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dean F. and Vicki Brown of Montpelier, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Doris J. and Scott Rath of Fremont; four grandchildren and their spouses, Andrea L. and Jeff Rosendaul of Edon, Ohio, Amanda J. and Tom Hutchinson of Delta, Ohio, Erik D. Brown and Jinny Boyer and Erin E. Rath, all of Fremont; a great-granddaughter, Claire F. Hutchinson of Delta; a brother and sister-in-law, John C. and Anita Young of Bryan; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Forrest and James Young, and a sister, Maude Wiles.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Burr Funeral Home & Crematory, Bryan, with Bill Priest officiating. Calling will be Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Shiffler Cemetery, Jefferson Township, Ohio.

Memorials are to Bryan VFW Auxiliary No. 2489, Williams County Red Cross or the Community Hospitals Wellness Centers Hospice.

Condolences can be left online at www.burrfh.com.

Glenn Lambright

GOSHEN — Glenn Jay Lambright, 63, of Goshen died at 8:25 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at Greencroft Healthcare where he had resided since September 2003.

Mr. Lambright had worked as a draftsman in the construction industry and in a number of different jobs in the RV industry.

He was born Feb. 25, 1942, in Middlebury to Clarence and Dorothy Lambright. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Delores and Donald Pettengill of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Meredith and Marion Yoder of Goshen; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Wayne and Lois Lambright of Goshen, Warren and Janice Lambright of Dresher, Pa., and Michael and Rose Lambright of Blooming Glen, Pa.; and 13 nephews and nieces.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at The Meeting House in Greencroft at Goshen with Mary Grove, chaplain at Greencroft, officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Greencroft Foundation.

Jeanette Rowland

ALBION — Jeanette Rowland, 78, died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, in Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Rowland

Mrs. Rowland had resided on a farm near Burr Oak. She had been employed at Weatherhead Co. in Columbia City for eight years and had retired from Dexter Axel Co. in Albion.

She had attended Washington Township Elementary School and graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

Mrs. Rowland was born Nov. 23, 1926, in Washington Township, Noble County, to James Edward and Gladys Mae (Stults) Stump. On Feb. 3, 1951, she married Murray L. Rowland. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John E. Rowland of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Dennis J. Rowland of Burr Oak; two brothers, Hal Stump of Kimmell and Larry Stump of Cincinnati; and a grandson, Joseph Rowland of Boston, Mass.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Michael Allen of Ormas Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkinson Foundation, 1501 North West 9th Ave., Miami, FL 33136.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to provide additional information.*

Esther Sanders

ANGOLA — Esther M. Sanders, 95, of Angola died Sunday, April 3, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Sanders was born April 9, 1909, in Otsego Township, Steuben County, to Earl and Ethel (Dirrim) Lemmon. She was married to Mark Sanders in June, 1928, and he preceded her in death on May 21, 1979.

She worked at Harmon's Bridal Shop for 10 years, and Thomas Family Center for 17 years. She was a member of the Angola Christian Church and was a past regent for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was a Red Cross volunteer for several years and belonged to several bridge clubs. She was a member of the Silver Lake Ladies Aide and the Angola Women of the Moose. She was Steuben County's Woman of the Year in 1996.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Herbert Paul and Nancy Sanders and Phillip Steven and Virgene Sanders, all of Angola; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a stepgreat-great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Hutmacher, on May 21, 1981; a grandson, Michael Robert Hutmacher, on March 25, 1994; a brother, Clay Lemmon; two sisters, Edith Ulmer and Elsie Huffman; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial was in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

John Tustison

SPENCERVILLE — John Phillip Tustison, 66, of Spencerville died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Tustison retired from Hoham & Smith Co. in Auburn. He was an avid gardener and bird lover.

He was born June 3, 1938, in Spencerville to Carl and Gaylon (Goldsmith) Tustison.

Surviving are two sisters, Marilyn Miles of Huntertown and Nancy Praul of Auburn; four nephews; three nieces; four great-nephews; seven great-nieces; five great-great-nephews; and three great-great-nieces.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with Pastor Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Spencerville Covered Bridge Festival, P.O. Box 4, Spencerville, IN 46788 or the DeKalb County Heart Association, 271 N. McClellan St., Apt. 106, Auburn, IN 46706.

Arthur Smolek

ALBION — Arthur F. "Art" Smolek, 92, of Albion died at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Smolek had been a truck driver for more than 60 years and had retired from Hudson Trucking in 1982. He had also farmed.

He had resided in the Albion area most of his life.

Mr. Smolek was a member of the Albion Eagles Lodge and the Kendallville Moose Lodge. His hobby was farming.

He was born Feb. 28, 1913, in Warsaw to James and Agnes (Minnrk) Smolek. On Jan. 26, 1946, in Noble County, he married Jacquelyn Summers. She died Jan. 14, 2004.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Brook and Brenda Smolek and Brad and Jerra Smolek, all of Albion, and Bart and April Smolek of Wawaka; two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie Neuhouser of Albion and Marna and Ron Morris of Churubusco; a brother, Gene Smolek of Kendallville; a sister, Irene Burgoon of California; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Michael Smolek; and two brothers, George Smolek and Richard Smolek.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

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John Rose, great fan of WN sports

WAWAKA — John F. Rose, 78, of rural Wawaka, died Friday, April 1, 2005, at Heritage Park in Fort Wayne.

A lifelong resident of Noble County, he was a farmer and had driven a school bus for the West Noble School Corp. He was a member of the Noble County Gas & Steam Association, the National Camper & Hikers Association, and had been an Elkhart Township trustee for many years.

Mr. Rose

He was an avid follower of West Noble sports, especially boys and girls basketball, and had been honored by players and school staff for his attendance and support. A past 4-H leader, he was involved with the 4-H tractor club and the Noble County Fair. He was a member of the Cosperville Baptist Church.

He was born Jan. 6, 1927, to Daniel and Marie (Lower) Rose.

Surviving are his wife, Georgia Rose of Wawaka; three sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Beth Rose of Plymouth, Tom and Joy Rose of Wawaka, and Jim and Kay Rose of Wawaka; two daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Jim Glasson of Ligonier and Mary and Charlie Mills of Warsaw; two stepdaughters, Vicki and husband Larry Roop of Fort Wayne and Connie Henry of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Stephen and Hazel Lawrence of Misssissippi; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren and 14 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Vera (Wysong) in 1989; his parents; and one grandson.

Services were Wednesday, April 6 at the Cosperville Baptist Church, with the Rev. James Bames officiating. Burial will be at Cosperville Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Cosperville Baptist Church or the Noble County Gas & Steam Association.

Virgie Rensner

Virgie (Berry) Rensner, 61, died Sunday, April 3, 2005, at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation in Fort Wayne. Born in Kentucky, she retired to Florida.

Mrs. Rensner

She was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church while in Florida. After returning to Indiana, she became a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her mother, Myrtle Burkett of Kimmell; two sons, Timothy Patton (Steve Hardiek) of Cape Canaveral, Fla., and Daniel Patton (Rhonda Slone) of Avilla; a daughter, Teresa Hess of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Tammy Burkett of Goshen and Glo Amburgey of Oklahoma; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father; three sisters and six brothers.

Services were Wednesday, April 6 at Beautiful Savior Lutheran.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

April 7 2005 Ligonier, Indiana

Paul Jacobs

LIGONIER — Paul Jacobs, 53, of Ligonier died Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Jacobs

Mr. Jacobs had lived in the area since 1973 and had worked in production at Walker Manufacturing in Ligonier.

He was a member of Salem United Baptist Church.

Mr. Jacobs was a hunter who enjoyed trading and bartering. He loved his family and his church.

He was born May 31, 1951, in Hindman, Ky., to Woodrow and Corsey (Branhams) Jacobs. On July 7, 1973, in West Virginia, he married Della Mae Beverly. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Roger Jacobs and Shawn Jacobs, both of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Retta and Eric Langley of Ligonier; two stepsons and their wives, Ronnie and Marsha Thomas of Willard, Ohio, and Alvin and Amy Thomas of Ligonier; a stepdaughter and her husband, Teresa and James Williams of Ligonier; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Virgie and Ralph Slone of Caney, Ky., Inez and Bob DePew of Rome City and Jeanette and Jimmy Perkins of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Ethel Lee Jacobs of Pippa Passes, Ky.; 13 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stepson, Bobby Ray Thomas; and two brothers, Virgil B. Jacobs and Birtchell Jacobs.

Services were Saturday, April 2 at Salem United Baptist Church, S.R. 9 south of Rome City, with the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle officiating.

Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Memorials are to the family.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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James Beck

BUTLER — James O. Beck, 71, of the Butler and Hamilton area died Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Beck was a former longtime Fort Wayne resident. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he retired in 1995 from Kleenit Corp.

He was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 409 in Leo, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 857 and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club and was a life member of the U.S. Marine Corps League.

Surviving are his wife, Donna M. Beck; a daughter, Cynthia Young of Butler; three sons and daughters-in-law, Paul A. and Pam Beck and Keith E. and Tracey Beck, all of Auburn, and Craig E. and Renee Beck of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Marcella Quinn and Cathy and Jim Bruggner, all of Fort Wayne; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jack L. and Estelle Beck of Weston W. Va., Fred Beck of Fort Wayne and Steve and Kathy Woodward of Garrett; seven grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Beck and Dorothy Beck Woodward; a daughter, Denise Bloom; a sister, Phyllis Decker; and two brothers, Raymond Beck and Tom Woodward.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens with military honors.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or a charity of the donor's choice.

John Hite

FORT WAYNE — John Burl Hite, 85, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, April 7, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Huntington, Mr. Hite was the principal at Wawaka School from 1952 to 1955, principal at Lake Township, Arcola, from 1955 to 1966, and worked in counseling and guidance at Fort Wayne Community Schools for 15 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, a member of the Arcola Lions Club, a member of local and state teachers associations, a life member of the I.U. alumni, a Wesleyan Sunday School member and a member of First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Betty of Fort Wayne; two sons, Michael E. Hite of St. Joe and Patrick A. Hite of Plano, Texas; a daughter, Cheryl L. Hite-Bolman of Angola; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his father, Harvey Hite of Warren; and a sister, Elnora June Burton of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Edith Hite, and a brother, Charles Dean Hite.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, 300 E. Wayne St., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the First Wayne Street United Methodist Church Men's Club.

Mollie Jones

BUTLER — Mollie J. Jones, 88, of Butler died Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at 2:05 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She was employed as a waitress at Syracuse University for 25 years.

She was born March 31, 1917, in Syracuse, N.Y., to John and Dominika (Caban) Brudzdinski.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and David Bish of Leo.

Services will be at a later date in Syracuse. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery at Syracuse.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, is handling arrangements.

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Esther Beam

AUBURN — Esther Elizabeth Beam, 91, of Auburn died Thursday morning April 7, 2005, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Beam

She was born March 9, 1914, in Morrow County, Ohio, to Edward and Ima (Young) Shier.

She graduated from Mount Gilead High School in Ohio.

A homemaker, she married Harold E. Beam on June 13, 1935, and they moved from Johnsville, Ohio, to Erie, Pa., in 1957. Her husband preceded her in death on Sept. 16, 1995.

Mrs. Beam moved to Auburn in October 1998 from Tampico, Ill.

In Auburn, she was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church, where she enjoyed the Senior Ministry as well as the fellowship of the Heimach Senior Center.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia C. Huffman of Shelby, Ohio, and Peggy A. and Fred Kurtz of Auburn; three grandchildren and their spouses, Loren and Gulzat Huffman of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, Kevin and Tina Kurtz of Oconomowoc, Wis., and Kimberly and Dan Ginder of Fort Wayne; five great-grandchildren, Esther Elizabeth Huffman, Brody, Ethan and Kylee Kurtz, and Bryce Ginder; a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Frances Shier of Charlotte, N.C.; two sisters-in-law Helen Beam of Lexington, Ohio, and Joyce Beam of Mansfield, Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Danny Joe Beam; a granddaughter, Denise Diane Huffman; and two sisters, Theresa Heitzman and Eileen Gleason.

Services will be Monday at 9 a.m. Indiana time in Lexington Avenue Snyder Funeral Home at Mansfield, Ohio. Burial will be in Shauck Cemetery at Shauck (Johnsville) Ohio.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Vivian E. Koon** were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Michael Stanley and Tom Novy officiating. Burial was in Fairfield Center Cemetery near Corunna. Pallbearers were Mike Baird, John Warner Jr., Mark Warner, Danny Gregg, Rick Trammel and Mike Iddings.

GARRETT — Graveside services for **Margaret M. Leslie** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Pallbearers were Kenneth Freed, Joe Freed, Ira Leslie, John Leslie, Jeff Leslie and John Allen. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Boris Christ

FORT WAYNE — Boris L. Christ, 77, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, April 7, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Christ was born on Feb. 18, 1928, to Louis and Katherine (Stephans) Christ. He was a graduate of South Side High School and Purdue University. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and was a member of the American Legion David Parish Post.

Mr. Christ

He was a pharmacist for over 50 years and was currently employed as a pharmacist for Wal-Mart. He married Arlene (Hendryx) Christ, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Teresa "Terry" Christ of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Jana Christ of Lake James, Angola; a grandson, Shane Christ; a granddaughter, Ashley Christ; and a sister, Patricia Meehan of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne, with Chaplain Richard Niles officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

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Matthew Fry

LAGRANGE — Matthew Troy Fry, 45, of Sturgis, Mich., and formerly of LaGrange, died Friday, April 8, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fry was employed as a customer service and warranty representative at Prodesign in Elkhart. He was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange and Moose Lodge 1351, also in LaGrange.

He was born Jan. 12, 1960, to James L. and E. Roanne (Harris) Fry in LaGrange. His mother preceded him in death on March 10, 1999, and his father survives.

Other survivors include a grandmother, Dorothy Harris of LaGrange; a brother, James D. Fry of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister, Julie A. Clevenger of Grenada, Miss.; two nieces, Regan Clevenger of Grenada, Miss., and Melissa Vest of Sturgis, Mich.; and four nephews, Ian Clevenger of Laredo, Texas, Aaron Clevenger of Grenada, Miss., and Jourdon Fry and Bradley Haley, both of Sturgis, Mich.

Services will be Monday at 7 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Stephen Flynn officiating. Calling will be Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials to the Mooseheart Home.

Alejandro Flores

LIGONIER — Alejandro Enrique Flores was stillborn on Thursday, April 7, 2005, at Goshen General Hospital.

He is survived by his mother, Sara (Charles) Flores, and his father, Anselmo Barrios; two brothers, James Charles and Brian Flores, both of Ligonier; one sister, Rosamarie Charles of Ligonier; grandparents, the Rev. Elmer and Rosemary Charles, and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by twin sisters, Amy and Rebecca Barrios.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with the Rev. Mike Stanley officiating. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Jimmie Reynolds

LOUISVILLE, Ohio — Jimmie Reynolds, 71, of Louisville, Ohio, died Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at Aultman Hospital.

Born June 14, 1933 in Auburn, Mr. Reynolds worked for AEP as a mechanical engineer and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Louisville, the National Society of Professional Engineers, the DeKalb Masonic Lodge and A.S.H.R.A.E.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Kurt and Mary Pat and Kevin and Penny Jo, all of Louisville, and Calvin and Kathy Reynolds of Malvern, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Christopher, Michael, Katherine, Caroline, Bryan, Jonathan and Joseph; several nieces and nephews; a half brother, John Batch; and a half sister, Susan Cowgill.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ladean (Manon) Reynolds in 2004, his father, Melvin Reynolds, and his brother, Tom Reynolds.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with John Manon officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the North Canton Medical Foundation.

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Robert Replogle

KIMMELL — Robert D. Replogle, 82, of Kimmell died Friday, April 8, 2005, at midnight in Kendallville Manor Health Care.

Mr. Replogle

Mr. Replogle had been a Noble County resident most of his life. He had worked as a brakeman for the B&O, C&O and CSX railroads. He also had been a self-employed wallpaper hanger for many years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church, the Cromwell Masonic Lodge, West Noble American Legion Post, Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Noble County Shriner's Club and Keystone Cops. He had participated in driving children to the Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children.

He was born Dec. 20, 1922, in St. Petersburg, Fla., to William and Elizabeth (Owens) Furkis.

On May 29, 1943, in Denver, Colo., he married Lois E. Gorsuch. She survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-laws, Daniel "Dan" and Jean Ann Replogle of Kendallville, Robert "Bob" and LuAnn Replogle of Ligonier, and Charles "Chuck" and Vicki Replogle of Kimmell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lucinda "Cyndi" and Mike Halsey of Ligonier, and Wendy and Dave Smith of Ligonier; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Louise Furkis of Ligonier, and Dorothy "Dot" and Bill Foster of Ligonier; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard "Dick" Replogle, and a brother, Peter James "Jim" Furkis.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. The Rev. Mitch Moser will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home with a Masonic Service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Shriner's Children's Hospitals or to a charity of the donor's choice.

John Walter

AUBURN — John Walter, 95, of Auburn died Saturday, April 9, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Walter

Mr. Walter was a lifetime Union Township farmer, retiring in 1982. He was a member of First Christian Church in Auburn, served in all leadership positions in the church and was very active in the men's fellowship. He also was very active in the Heimach Senior Center and served as its president for one year.

He liked to take credit for helping Auburn's growth by developing 150 acres of farm land on Auburn's east side into housing in the 1950s.

He was born Oct. 2, 1909, in Corydon, in Harrison County, to William and Margaret (Mathis) Walter. They preceded him in death.

On April 15, 1939, he married Edith Ann (Iden) Walter. She died May 1, 1987.

Surviving are several cousins.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Robert Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center.

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James Smith

CLEAR LAKE — James R. "Jim" Smith, 76, of Clear Lake and formerly of West Unity, Ohio, died Saturday, April 9, 2005, at the Community Hospital and Wellness Center in Bryan, Ohio.

Mr. Smith was born in Warren, Ohio, to Frank M. and Blanche (Bistline) Smith. He married Virginia L. (Charpiot) Smith on June 15, 1950, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 26, 1998.

He was a 1947 graduate of West Unity High School and also attended Ohio State University. He became a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War, and was an early entrepreneur, owning Jim's Radio and TV Sales & Service in West Unity until the late 1960s. He became an electrical journeyman at the ITT Higbie Fulton Division in Archbold, Ohio, until his retirement in 1993 after 25 years of service.

He was a life member of West Unity United Methodist Church and of American Legion Post No. 669 in West Unity.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jan and Steve Porath of Montpelier, Ohio, and David and Sarah Hug of Edon, Ohio; a son, Anthony "Tony" Smith of Clear Lake; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Marion L. Smith.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hollingshead-Beck Funeral Home, West Unity, with the Rev. Mel Peter officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Floral Grove Cemetery, West Unity, with military rites conducted by members of American Legion Post No. 669.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, Williams County Humane Society of the charity of the donor's choice.

Margaret Sams

HOWE — Margaret Ann Sams, 87, of Howe died Saturday, April 9, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sams

Mrs. Sams was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and its Martha Circle, Clay Township Home Extension Club, LaGrange County Historical Society, LaGrange County Farm Bureau and its board of directors, AARP and its board of directors, Garden Club and LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Mrs. Sams was born April 1, 1918, in LaGrange County to Harry and Amelia (Ramer) Wiard. On Sept. 7, 1935, in Bryan, Ohio, she married Theron L. Sams. He died March 27, 1984.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carol Murillo of Dania, Fla., Judy and Douglas Steinbarger of Brandon, Fla., and Rebecca and Steven Shelly of Serena, Ill.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Alberta and Duane Sams of Howe, Ronald and Bobbie Sams of LaGrange and Douglas Sams of Fort Myers, Fla.; a sister, Wava Roy of Topeka; a brother and two sisters-in-law, Alvin and Alice Wiard of Wolcottville and Billie Wiard of LaGrange; a cousin, Donnabelle Ford of LaGrange; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Charles Franklin Wiard.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church.

Darryl Owen

ALBION — Darryl J. Owen, 62, of Albion died at 10:26 a.m. Sunday, April 10, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion North Ridge Village Chapel.

Lonzie Miller

ANGOLA — Lonzie Marie Miller, 82, of Angola died Saturday, April 9, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller was born June 12, 1922, in Bell County, Ky.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home.

Vallis Huff

GARRETT — Vallis Huff, 82, of Garrett died early today, April 11, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

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Marty Boocher

COLUMBIA CITY — Marty Boocher, 60, of Paoli died Sunday, April 10, 2005, at 8:05 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville.

A former resident of Columbia City, she spent her entire life in Whitley County until moving to Paoli two years ago. She graduated from Columbia City High School with he class of 1963.

She was employed at Weatherhead, at Goose Lake Resort as a waitress and at Looking Good Hair Design as a receptionist. She was a member of Eagles 1906 Auxiliary and American Legion Post 98 Auxiliary, both in Columbia City.

She was born Jan. 19, 1945, in Fort Wayne to Jack Weisheimer and Maxine Garnetta Ray Bauer Weisheimer.

She married Roger Law Boocher at Old Lake, Columbia City, on May 25, 1979. He survives in Paoli.

Also surviving are a daughter nd son-in-law, Robin and Lee Garrard of Claypool; four sons nd three daughters-in-law, Neil nd Ann Gordon of Auburn, Brian and Rita Boocher of Claypool, Larry and Jeana Gordon of Columbia City and Tracy Biehl of Andrews; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Harry and Penny Bauer of South Whitley; and hree sisters and two brothers-in-aw, Ruth Jeanette and Donald Schaefer of Grabill, Carolyn and George Rubrake of Columbia City and Charlotte Mary Bowers of Big Piney, Wyo.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Raymond Bauer.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. The Rev. Lannie Maloney of Thorncreek Bethel Church of God will officiate. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Condolences may be left at www.demoneygrimes.com.

Forest Fett

LEO — Forest F. "Cork" Fett, 58, of Leo died Sunday, April 10, 2005, at his home.

Born in Fort Wayne, he worked at Citation Bohn Aluminum in Butler and formerly at Sheller Globe in Grabill. He was a former bass player and singer with Brand X and The Fugitives.

Surviving are his wife, Gloria G. Fett of Leo; a son, Troy A. Fett of Leo; a daughter, Torie A. Fett of Leo; three sisters, Donna Jean Chester of Fort Wayne, Barbara Pulver of Crescent City, Fla., and Norma L. Conner of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Dennis D. Fett of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Melda Fett; three sisters, Rosie Yoder, Henrietta Sprankles and Janice Fett; and a brother, Richard Fett.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be today from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

E. Frank Bidlack

AUBURN — E. Frank Bidlack, 76, of Auburn died Monday, April 11, 2005, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bidlack

Born in Fort Wayne, he retired in 1985 after 27 years in sales with Rea Magnet Wire. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1955.

He was a member of Southgate Lodge F&AM, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine. He was a past patron of Fort Wayne Chapter 432 Order of Eastern Star, a past director of Mizpah Shrine Chanters, a men's choral group, and a member of the Rea Magnet Wire 25-year club.

He was a past director of the St. Mark's Men's Chorus and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce Bidlack of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Inge and Arthur Secrest of Pennsylvania; a son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Mary Bidlack of Akron, Ohio; two grandchildren and their spouses, Tiffany and Jim Carr of Ohio and Kristen and Jeremy Leister of Pennsylvania; and a great-grandchild, Ella Leister of Pennsylvania.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital.

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Vallis Huff

GARRETT — Vallis Huff, 82, of Garrett died Monday, April 11, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Huff worked as a coal miner for 50 years in Kentucky. He was a member of New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange.

He was born Jan. 12, 1923, in Knott County, Ky., to Troy and Sarah (Sloan) Huff.

He married Sadie Keens on Dec. 13, 1956, in Knott County and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ransom and Charlene Huff of Rome City, Vallis Huff Jr. and Jackie Huff of Garrett and Jimmy and Carol Huff of Wolcottville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Yvonne and Wayne Griffith of Wolcottville and Elma Glee and Jeff Wickline of Garrett; three brothers, Coy Huff of Raven, Ky., John Huff of Fort Wayne and Carson Huff of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Alex and Russell Huff; a sister, Lorie Thornesbury; and a daughter, Annetta Huff.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in New Freedom Baptist Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday after 4 p.m. at the church. An evening service will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Darryl Owen

ALBION — Darryl J. Owen, 62, of Albion died at 10:26 a.m. Sunday, April 10, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Owen was a longtime dairy farmer and painter. He had lived in the area most of his life.

He was very active in the draft horse associations in Noble and DeKalb counties. He loved horses and fishing.

Mr. Owen was born Feb. 17, 1943, in Garrett to Homer and Sarah (Gaff) Owen. On Oct. 1, 1960, in Albion, he married Barbara S. Osborne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Del and Ruth Owen of Albion; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Laramie and Gary Ramey, Teresa and Brad Ebey and Sarah and Brad Dreibelbis, all of Albion, and Brandy Owen and her fiance, Donny Griffith, of Syracuse; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Joyce and Richard Caskey of Ligonier, Kay and Wilber Freeman of Marion and Janice and Dale Geiger of Columbia City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Jane Owen of Albion and Dennis and Wanda Owen of Lafayette; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion North Ridge Chapel, with the Rev. Ben Archer officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Noble or DeKalb draft horse associations.

Evelyn Heady

COLUMBIA CITY — Evelyn M. Heady, 89, of Columbia City died at 5:20 a.m. Monday, April 11, 2005, at The Oaks Living Center in Columbia City where she had been a resident since April 1.

Mrs. Heady was a homemaker and farmer's wife. She attended Columbia City Church of the Nazarene and was a member of the Bear Lake Church of God, Gideons Auxiliary, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 65, Walnut Corners Club and the Washington Township Homemakers Club.

She and her husband spent many years in mission fields in Haiti and on Navajo reservations in Arizona and New Mexico.

Mrs. Heady was born Aug. 1, 1915, near Silver Lake in Kosciusko County to George A. and Francis (Hatton) Leffel. On Jan. 1, 1933, she married Robert G. Heady. He survives.

Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Robert, Maurice, Dale and Harold; and two sisters, Mildred and Helen.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastors Carroll McNutt, Robert Crabtree and Thomas Beers officiating. Burial will be in South Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with an Eastern Star service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

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DuWayne Dilley

AUBURN — DuWayne P. "Bub" Dilley, 62, of Auburn died Saturday, April 9, 2005, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Dilley was a machine operator for Rieke Corp. for 31 years. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

He was a graduate of Auburn High School and a member of the LaGrange Flywheel Gas Engine Club and the Indian Village Church of God.

Surviving are his wife, Linda of Auburn; a sister, Phyllis Carman of Warsaw; a brother, Leon Dilley of Plainfield; eight sisters-in-law and five brothers-in-law; his mother-in-law; many nieces and nephews; an uncle, Harvey Rennecker of Auburn; and his mother, Veleria Barnhart of Warsaw.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Dilley.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God at Erie Pass and Superior Drive, Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank or Souls Harbor Assembly of God.

Lynn Mitchell

AUBURN — Lynn E. Mitchell, 50, of Auburn died this morning, April 12, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Mitchell served as a registered nurse at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 28 years. She was a graduate of the Parkview Methodist School of Nursing and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 16, 1954, in Fort Wayne to Harold B. and Betty J. (Meyer) Brinkman. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Patrick J. Mitchell on July 13, 1974, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jonathan P. Mitchell of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jaime L. Michael Meyer of Fishers, and Abigail E. Mitchell of Auburn; four brothers, Thomas Brinkman and Lawrence Brinkman, both of Auburn, Daniel Brinkman of New Haven, Conn., and Dr. John Brinkman of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Judy Schiffli of Butler.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Dave Carkenord will officiate. Private graveside services will be at Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to an education fund for John and Abigail Mitchell.

Daryl Newberry

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Daryl A. Newberry, 71, of Montgomery and Riverview, Fla., died Monday, April 11, 2005, at Brandon Hospital in Brandon, Fla.

Mr. Newberry was born Oct. 19, 1933, in St. Paul, Minn., to Wayne and Blanche (Noble) Newberry. He was married to Joan (Bretz) Newberry, and she survives.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, and worked at Handy & Harmon in Angola. He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31, Steuben County 40 & 8, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Anderson Egelkraut Post No. 9941 in Reading, Mich., and a member of Fremont Moose Lodge No. 2387.

Also surviving are two sons, and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Vicki Newberry of Ringgold, Ga., and Robert Newberry and his companion, Kathy Thomas, both of Angola; and two granddaughters, Maggie Mae and Sarah Newberry.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Newberry.

Services will be at a later date.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Thomas Connor

VENICE, Fla. — Former Ligonier businessman Thomas E. Connor, 75, died March 18, 2005, in Venice, Fla.

Mr. Connor had moved to Florida in 1992 from Ligonier, where he was well known for his numerous business accomplishments and involvement with community projects.

He was a banker for many years in Noble County, having worked his way up to the position of president of American State Bank in Ligonier before retiring.

He was a longtime member of the Ligonier Lions Club, and later joined the South Venice Rotary Club in Florida.

Mr. Connor was born May 14, 1929, in Montpelier, Ind.

Among his survivors is his wife of four years, Tatiane. Other survivors include a daughter, Elaine Grimes of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; two sons, Craig Connor of Sarasota, Fla., and Tom Connor of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held March 24 at the Ewing Funeral Home in Venice.

Memorial donations may be made to the Leukemia Society of America, Suncoast Chapter, Suite 225, 3725 W. Grace St., Tampa, FL 33607-4834.

Lonzie Miller

ANGOLA — Lonzie Marjerie Miller, 82, of Angola died Saturday, April 9, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller was born June 12, 1922, in Four Mile, Bell County, Ky., to John and Mary (Jones) Lingar.

She worked in area restaurants and nursing homes.

Surviving are two sons, Edward W. Karasek of Mission Vieja, Calif., and David Miller of Auburn; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Rae Miller in 2004; a son, Jerry Karasek in 1960; a sister, Opal Woodson; and two brothers, Charles and John Lingar.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

John Fritz

SAMMAMISH, Wash. — John Fritz, 68, of Sammamish died unexpectedly April 1, 2005, while vacationing in Reno, Nev.

He and his wife of 46 years, Doris Virginia Fritz, had resided in Sammamish for 17 years.

Mr. Fritz was born Jan. 20, 1937, in Kendallville to August Carl and Ethel Lois Fritz.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeff Fritz and Bill Funcannon of Camation, Wash., and Joel and Tommi Fritz of Snoqualmie, Wash.; a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Eric Homola of Bothell, Wash.; three brothers, Carroll Fritz of Goshen, James Fritz of Elkhart and Wendell Fritz of Kendallville; a sister, Lois Dennis of Fort Wayne; and two grandsons, Parker Fritz and Logan Fritz.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 30, at Sunset Hills Memorial Park in Bellevue, Wash.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Raymond Boyle

LAGRANGE — Raymond E. Boyle, 79, of LaGrange died Sunday, April 10, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Boyle had been a farmer and factory worker. He was a veteran of World War II.

He was born April 20, 1925, in Angola to Albert and Cora Boyle. On April 20, 1945, he married Frances Bellaire. She died Feb. 6.

Surviving are six sons, Raymond Boyle Jr. of Cargo, Mich., Melvin Boyle of Wolcottville, Delvin Boyle of LaGrange, Chester Boyle of Fort Wayne, Jim Boyle of Auburn and John Boyle of Marshfield, Wis.; three daughters, Betty Hamilton of Three Rivers, Mich., Judy Fields of Fishers and Susie Casteel of Florida; 19 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home at LaGrange with the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Leatherman, Driscoll write 'Ernie' — 'a book of truth

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ALBION — While her husband, Allen Driscoll, was battling poor health, Velma Driscoll told Allen's friend Ernie Leatherman that one thing that kept him going was his book — his book called "Ernie."

Allen Driscoll died March 12 at the age of 75 in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The last words the author heard were from Ernie Leatherman. "The book is selling real good," Leatherman told his friend.

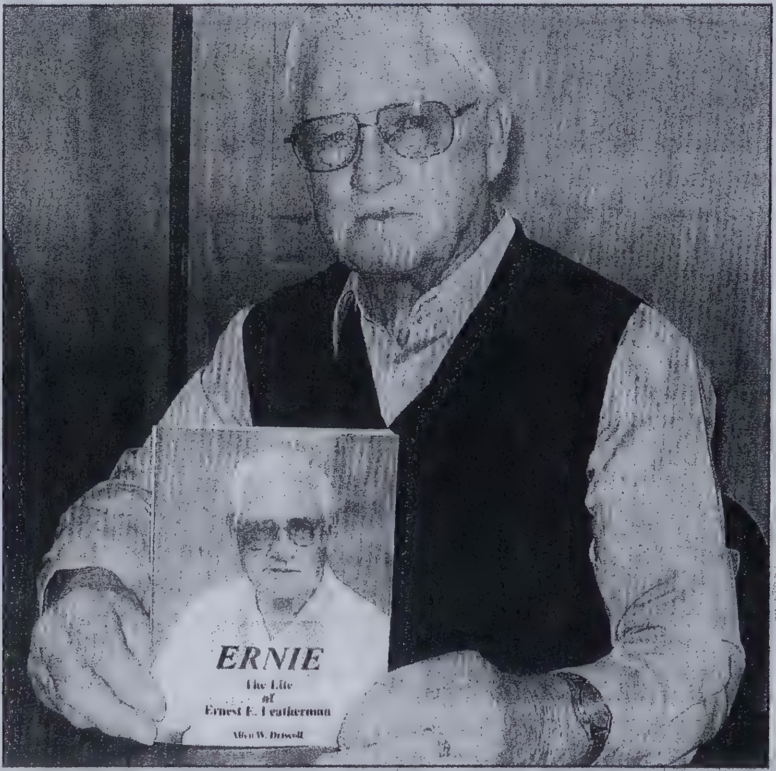
Allen Driscoll smiled and closed his eyes.

"Ernie: The Life of Ernest F. Leatherman" was the Wawaka resident's eighth and last book. His first was "Milo C. Troyer: Hobo with a Briefcase," about another Albionite.

Driscoll

The Driscolls had moved to this area in 1971 from Carmel. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service in the Albion office where he retired as a clerk after 15 years of service.

Driscoll first met the Leatherman family in 1972 when his car broke down and needed to be repaired.



GRACE HOUSHOLDER

Ernie Leatherman holds a copy of his book "Ernie," written by Allen Driscoll of Wawaka who died March 12.

Several years ago Driscoll suggested to Leatherman that he write the story of his life. When Leatherman's wife, Virginia, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's three years ago, and he couldn't sleep at night, Leatherman started writing in earnest. It helped him to deal with the grief caused by their separation. His wife of 62 years is a resident of Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Leatherman, 85, says "Ernie" is "a book of truth ... nothing is stretched."

Born in Avilla, Leatherman moved to Garrett, then Kendallville, then settled in Albion at the age of 9 in 1930. Because of the large number of his friends and relatives in Albion and the surrounding area, the book about his life is really a Noble County tapestry, created by weaving together World War II stories, work for the Noble County Highway Department, business successes and family and community life.

Leatherman, who was one of 10 children, learned important life lessons from his parents, Daniel and Blanche. The two messages he will never forget are "Do the job right," from his father, and "Ernie, when you do something wrong, ask the Lord for forgiveness," from his mother.

The 335-page softcover book has large type and extra spacing between the lines so that it is easy for all ages to read.

In the book "Albion Memories" compiled by Linda Nash Shultz in 1976, the following Leatherman businesses were listed: Leatherman Brothers Ford Sales, Leatherman Home Appliance & Trailer Supplies, Leatherman Brothers Body Shop, Keith Leatherman Construction Co., Leatherman Manufacturing Co. Inc., Leatherman Mobile Homes Sales, Leatherman Realty Company and Leatherman Trucks Inc.

Today he still sells quality used cars at his establishment in Albion.

The book also covers his wife's three brothers, Glade, William and Bernard Bushong. Bernard married Ernie's sister, Joan.

"The Lord has been with me throughout my life, from that first night in a fox hole on Normandy Beach until now," Leatherman said.

Leatherman helped with the restoration of the historic Sweet Church, located at C.R. 300E and C.R. 415N, for use as a Jefferson Township community building. His great-grandfather helped build the church i

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The public is invite
three book signings
"Ernie." They are:

- April 15 from 2-5
at the Noble County Pu
Library in Albion.
- April 23 from 10
to 2 p.m. at Glad Tidin
Kendallville.
- April 29 from 2
p.m. at the Kendall
Public Library.

The books are also
sale at Ernie Leather
Sales Co. at 1010 E. M
St., Albion; Fisl
PharmaCare; Commu
State Bank in Albion
Kendallville, Campbe
Fetter Bank and the Al
New Era Office.

If can also be purch
by mail. Copies are
each, plus $1.20 sales
Shipping is $4 for the
book and $2 for
additional book. Or
may be mailed to E
Leatherman, 404
Liberty St., Albion,
46701.

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Longtime Rome City businesswoman Dorothy Mossman dies at age 84

ROME CITY — Rome City businesswoman Dorothy Margaret Mossman, 84, died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Mossman's parents started Brady's Landing on Sylvan Lake in 1928 and Dorothy worked there most of her life. The establishment has been known as Granny's Restaurant since about 1970.

She was a 1938 graduate of Rome City High School.

Mrs. Mossman was a 59-year member and past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 381 in Kendallville, VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Post 2749 in Kendallville, Kendallville Elks Lodge, Mizpah Temple Ladies Shrine and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

She was born Aug. 1, 1920, in Mishawaka to Jeff and Helen (Belschner) Brady. On Feb. 28, 1942, in Rome City, she married Walter K. Mossman. He died Dec. 4, 1984.

Mrs. Mossman

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Margaret Mossman of Rome City and Linda and John Yerick of Rome City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mike and Glenda Mossman and David A. Mossman, all of Rome City; seven grandchildren, Lesa Cassel, Milo Mossman, Marshall Mossman, Zachary Mossman, Easton Mossman and Jared Mossman, all of Rome City, and Jessica Gromaski of Fremont; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Hudson F. Brady, in 1988.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter, Girl Scouts of the Limberlost or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Neva Spangler

NORFOLK, Va. — Neva (Kessie) Spangler, 78, of Norfolk, died Saturday, April 2, 2005, at Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk.

She attended Fellowship Baptist Church in Norfolk.

Mrs. Spangler was born Jan. 5, 1927, in Whitley County to William and Wilda (Grable) Kessie. In 1946, she married Leo Greider, who preceded her in death in 1990. In 1999, she married Powell Spangler. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Gary Earnhart of Goshen; Nancy and Verne Cook of Bunker Hill, Ind.; Cindy and Bill Keim of Columbia City; Sharon and Ken Cripe of Wawaka; and Angie and Chris Kidd of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Anita Greider of Churubusco; two stepchildren, Aubrey Spangler and Linda Wells; and 37 grand and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Troy Presbyterian Church in Columbia City with the Rev. Dr. Joseph Smith officiating.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, or the American Cancer Society.

Leo Tackett

LIGONIER — Leo Tackett, 58, of Ligonier died at 4:53 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Tackett

Mr. Tackett was a lifetime resident of the Warsaw, Kimmell and Ligonier areas. He had attended schools in Warsaw and Ohio. He had been employed at the Blue Fin Boat Co. in New Paris and most recently at Freudenburg-NOK in Ligonier as an inspector.

Mr. Tackett enjoyed fishing, gardening, mowing, playing bingo and poker and operating radio-controlled cars.

He was born Nov. 25, 1946, in Warsaw to Andrew David and Addie (Blanton) Tackett. On Feb. 28, 1986, in Noble County, he married Pamela Marie Fry. She survives. Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Joshua Adam and Trisha Tackett and Dennis Deaton, all of Pierceton; a daughter and son-in-law, Heidi C. and Kenneth Noe Jr. of Albion; six sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mandy Clabaugh of Huntington, Fay Brunner of Palestine, Ind., Polly and Monroe Allen of Packerton, Ind., and Kathleen and James Griffith, and Geraldine Blair and Carol Griffith, all of Warsaw; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Hargus and Evelyn Tackett of Warsaw, Frank and Beverly Tackett of South Whitley, and Ray Tackett of Ottway, Ohio; and six grandchildren, Karmen Noe, Alex Noe, Zachary Noe, Brianna Tackett, Bailea Tackett and Tauren Tackett.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jamie Leo Tackett; and five brothers and sisters, Pauline, Charlie and Harkless Tackett, Martha Shepherd and Myrtle Heeter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Chad Burkhart of Victory Christian Church in Warsaw officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent online to www.demoneygrimes.com.

Patricia Vansciver

MIDDLEBURY — Patricia A. Vansciver, 46, of Middlebury died at 12:45 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2005, at St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend following a brief illness.

Mrs. Vansciver

Mrs. Vansciver enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

She was born April 1, 1959, in Somers Point, N.J., to Gilbert and Margaret (Ferguson) Minter. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Palmetto, Fla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Alicia Ann Vansciver of Middlebury; two sons, Douglas Brian Vansciver and Jonathan Feathers, both of Middlebury; and two brothers, William and Barbara Minter of Linwood, N.J., and Mark Minter of Pompano Beach, Fla.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Gordon Henke officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with a correction.*

Lynn Mitchell

AUBURN — Lynn E. Mitchell, 50, of Auburn died Tuesday morning, April 12, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Mitchell served as a registered nurse at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 28 years. She was a graduate of the Parkview Methodist School of Nursing and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 16, 1954, in Fort Wayne to Harold B. and Betty J. (Meyer) Brinkman. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Patrick J. Mitchell on July 13, 1974, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jonathan P. Mitchell of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jaime L. and Michael Meyer of Fishers, and Abigail E. Mitchell of Auburn; four brothers, Thomas Brinkman and Lawrence Brinkman, both of Auburn, Daniel Brinkman of New Haven, Conn., and Dr. John Brinkman of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Judy Schiffli of Butler.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Dave Carkenord will officiate. Private graveside services will be at Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to an education fund for John and Abigail Mitchell. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

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Lauris Clouse

KENDALLVILLE — Lauris M. Clouse, 95, of Kendallville and formerly of Green Township died at 11:25 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Clouse

She had also lived in Osceola, Middlebury and Shipshewana before she and her husband settled on the family farm in 1942 where they lived for the remainder of their married lives. Mrs. Clouse was a nurses aide for 25 years and had worked in nursing homes in Albion, Wolf Lake and at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had also worked as a home health care aide for several years. She was a member of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam.

She was born Nov. 8, 1909, in Green Center to Charles and Pearl (McCoy) Summers. On Feb. 28, 1926, she married Marion L. Clouse. He died June 6, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Edward Patton of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Betty Clouse of Albion and Terry and Helen Clouse of Churubusco; a sister, Frieda Walburn of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Thad Summers; and two sisters, Mae Fry and Edna Herendeen.

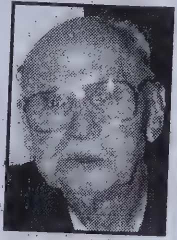
Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam with Pastor George Cecil officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church. Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home. Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsand-childs.net.

Newton Davis

WATERLOO — Newton Davis, 88, of Waterloo died Monday, April 12, 2005.

Mr. Davis worked as a molder at Fort Wayne Aluminum Foundry.


Mr. Davis

He was born June 12, 1916, in Handshoe, Ky., to Frank and Fannie (Moore) Davis.

He married Sina Ousley on June 21, 1941, in Prestonburg, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Burchel and Lona Davis of Hicksville, Ohio, Virgil Davis of Angola and James L. and Donna Davis of Edgerton, Ohio; three daughters and a son-in-law, Sylvia Schneider of Kendallville, Mona and Gary Ewalt of Edgerton, Ohio, and Melva Hawks of Brimfield; 19 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Louise Dyer; five brothers; and a sister.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Gene Reinoehl

AUBURN — Gene R. Reinoehl, 88, of Auburn died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reinoehl worked at G.C. Lepley Sales in Ashley for 29 years and was a school bus driver for Ashley and DeKalb Central schools for 38 years. He served two terms on the DeKalb County Council and two terms as Smithfield Township Trustee. He served six years on the board at Wee Haven and was a member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital board at the time the hospital was built. He was an original member of the DeKalb County Council on Aging before the Heimach Center was established and was a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

He was born Sept. 11, 1916, in East St. Louis, Mo., to Charles and Mary (Benjamin) Reinoehl.

He married Mildred Wise on March 4, 1939, in Waterloo and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Barbara Geistwhite of Grabill; two brothers, Everett L. Reinoehl of Waterloo and Hubert R. Reinoehl of Butler; three sisters, Nina Redman of Auburn, Beth Drew of Waterloo and Alice Barry of Ashley; four grandchildren, Lori Fitts, Brad Geistwhite, Dr. Robert Geistwhite and Jim Geistwhite; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Minnie Provines.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, 1492 C.R. 27, with the Rev. Bob Newhart and the Rev. Steve Evans officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information and a correction.*

E. Frank Bidlack

AUBURN — E. Frank Bidlack, 76, of Auburn died Monday, April 11, 2005, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bidlack

Born in Fort Wayne, he retired in 1985 after 27 years in sales with Rea Magnet Wire. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1955. He was a member of Southgate Lodge F&AM, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine. He was a past patron of Fort Wayne Chapter 432 Order of Eastern Star, a past director of Mizpah Shrine Chanters, a men's choral group, and a member of the Rea Magnet Wire 25-year club. He was a past director of the St. Mark's Men's Chorus and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. He served as a volunteer at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum for 18 years and for the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival for nine years.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce Bidlack of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Inga and Arthur Secrest of Pennsylvania; a son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Mary Bidlack of Akron, Ohio; two grandchildren and their spouses, Tiffany and Jim Carr of Ohio and Kristen and Jeremy Leister of Pennsylvania; and a great-grandchild, Ella Leister of Pennsylvania.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital.

Byron Bruick

COLDWATER LAKE, Mich. — Byron C. Bruick, 61, of Coldwater Lake, Mich. and formerly of Fort Wayne died Thursday, March 3, 2005, at home.

Bruick

He was born in Fort Wayne on June 3, 1943, to Carl and Viola (Koeneman) Bruick. He married Jeanne Stalder on Nov. 18, 1972, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

He retired as a master mechanic from Valspar Corp. in Fort Wayne. He was a 1961 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne, a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, and belonged to the Fremont Moose Lodge and the Angola Elks Lodge.

His hobbies included fishing.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Richard Bertseh of Leo; and nine nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene and James Bruick.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Peace Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church or Angola Regional Special People's Bowling Tournament.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Elam Bontrager

GOSHEN — Elam J. Bontrager, 80, of Goshen died at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at his home. He had been in failing health for the past six weeks.

Mr. Bontrager

Mr. Bontrager was a retired farmer. He was a member of Rosewood Fellowship Church.

Mr. Bontrager was born Jan. 23, 1925, in Goshen to Jacob and Fannie (Schrock) Bontrager. On March 16, 1946, in Topeka, he married Mary Yoder. She died April 23, 1987.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Ruby and Ted Gilmer of Honeybrook, Pa., Naomi and Verlin Cross of Lietchfield, Ky., and Grace and Jerry Hochstetler of Goshen; two sons and daughters-in-law, Glen and Waneda Bontrager of Mountain View, Ark., and Thomas and Rhoda Bontrager of Goshen; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Clara Gingerich of Bemidji, Minn., Ida Helmuth of Goshen and Viola and Christ Gingerich of Shipshewana; a brother and sister-in-law, Gideon and Verna Bontrager of Goshen; 18 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; two stepgrandchildren; and a stepgreat-grandson.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Laura Ropp; and four brothers, Simon, Daniel, Ezra and Lloyd Bontrager.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Fairhaven Mennonite Church in Goshen with Bishop Glen Yoder, the Rev. Daniel Bontrager and the Rev. Leroy Miller, all of the Rosewood Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial will be in Clinton Union Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Christian Aid Ministries. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

NEW ERA

April 13 2005 Albion, Indiana

Arthur Smolek, 92

ALBION — Arthur F. ‘Art” Smolek, 92, of Albion ied Tuesday, April 5, 2005, t Provena Sacred Heart Home n Avilla.

Mr. Smolek had been a truck river for more than 60 years nd had retired from Hudson Trucking in 1982. He had also armed.

He had resided in the Albion rea most of his life.

Mr. Smolek was a member f the Albion Eagles Lodge and he Kendallville Moose Lodge. His hobby was farming.

He was born Feb. 28, 1913, n Warsaw to James and Agnes Minnrk) Smolek. On Jan. 26, 946, in Noble County, he maried Jacquelyn Summers. She ied Jan. 14, 2004.

Surviving are three sons and aughters-in-law, Brook and Brenda Smolek and Brad and erra Smolek, all of Albion, nd Bart and April Smolek of Wawaka; two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie Neuhouser of Albion and Marna and Ron Morris of Churubusco; a brother, Gene Smolek of Kendallville; a sister, Irene Burgoon of California; 12 grandchildren: and 18 great-

He was also preceded in death by a son, Michael Smolek; and two brothers, George Smolek and Richard Smolek.

Services were held Saturday, April 9, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Jeanette Rowland, 78

ALBION — Jeanette Rowland, 78, died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, in Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Rowland had resided on a farm near Burr Oak. She had been employed at Weatherhead Co. in Columbia City for eight years and had retired from Dexter Axel Co. in Albion.

She had attended Washington Township Elementary School and graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

Mrs. Rowland was born Nov. 23, 1926, in Washington Township, Noble County, to James Edward and Gladys Mae (Stults) Stump. On Feb. 3, 1951, she married Murray L. Rowland. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John E. Rowland of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Dennis J. Rowland of Burr Oak; two brothers, Hal Stump of Kimmell and Larry Stump of Cincinnati; and a grandson, Joseph Rowland of Boston, Mass.

Services were held Friday, April 8, 2005, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Michael Allen of Ormas Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to the Parkinson Foundation, 1501 North West 9th Ave., Miami, FL 33136.

Dallas Bleile, 77

TOPEKA, IN — Dallas Dean Bleile, 77, of Topeka died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Bleile, coming from Elkhart, had been a resident of Noble and LaGrange counties for 50 years and had been a farmer for more than 40 years. He had served on the Concord Fire Department for nine years.

He was a member of Topeka United Methodist Church and a former member of Wawaka United Methodist Church.

Mr. Bleile was born Dec. 21, 1927 in Nappanee to John and Vera (Anglemeyer) Bleile. He married Esther Cook in 1946 in Elkhart. She died in 1989. He later married Penny Perry in 1990 in Topeka, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Mark Rose of Plymouth; a stepdaughter and her husband, Michelle and Troy Stewart of Albion; two stepsons and their wives, Mike and Lisa Mabie of Carmel and Christopher and Twyla Mabie of Wolf Lake; a brother and sister-in-law, Chet and Brenda Bleile of Goshen; a sister, Darlene Hane of Syracuse; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah; and a sister, Arlois Wordinger.

Services were held Saturday, April 9, 2005, at Topeka United Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert Wyman officiating.

For those who wish, memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice in Kendallville.

Evelyn Heady, 89

COLUMBIA CITY — Evelyn M. Heady, 89, a resident of Columbia City, died Monday, April 11, 2005, at The Oaks Living Center, Columbia City where she had been a resident since April 1.

She was born August 1, 1915, near Silver Lake in Koscuisko County, Indiana, a daughter of George A. and Francis (Hatton) Leffel. Her formative years were spent in Koscuisko County, the Bear Lake area and Columbia and Washington Townships in Whitley County. She completed her education at Washington Center High School.

On January 1, 1933, she was united in marriage to Robert G. Heady. They made their home in Washington Township and Columbia Township. In 1953, they moved to Bear Lake where they resided for 12 years. They then served in mission fields in Haiti and on Navajo reservations in Arizona and New Mexico. In 1986, they moved to their home in Columbia City.

A homemaker and a farmer's wife, she was attending Columbia City Church of the Nazarene and was a member of Bear Lake Church of God, Gideons Auxiliary, Order of the Eastern Star #65, Walnut Corners Club and Washington Township Homemakers Club.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Robert; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Robert, Maurice, Dale and Harold; and two sisters, Mildred and Helen..

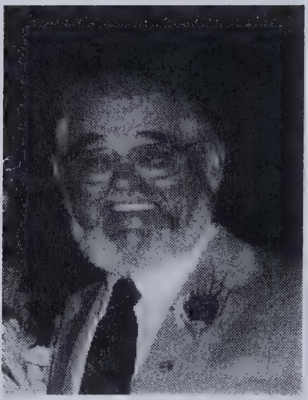
Services will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 14, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Pastors Carroll McNutt, Robert Crabtree and Thomas Beers officiating. The burial will be in South Park Cemetery. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

NEW ERA

April 13 2005 Albion, Indiana

Robert Replogle, 82



ALBION — Robert D. Replogle, 82, of Kimmell died Friday, April 8, 2005, in Kendallville Manor Health Care.

Mr. Replogle had been a Noble County resident most of his life. He had worked as a brakeman for the B&O, C&O and CSX railroads. He also had been a self-employed wallpaper hanger for many years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church, the Cromwell Masonic Lodge, West Noble American Legion Post, Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Noble County Shriner's Club and Keystone Cops. He had participated in driving children to the Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children.

He was born Dec. 20, 1922, in St. Petersburg, Fla., to William and Elizabeth (Owens) Furkis.

On May 29, 1943, in Denver, Colo., he married Lois E. Gorsuch. She survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-laws, Daniel "Dan" and Jean Ann Replogle of Kendallville, Robert "Bob" and LuAnn Replogle of Ligonier, and Charles "Chuck" and Vicki Replogle of Kimmell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lucinda "Cyndi" and Mike Halsey of Ligonier, and Wendy and Dave Smith of Ligonier; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Louise Furkis of Ligonier, and Dorothy "Dot" and Bill Foster of Ligonier; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard "Dick" Replogle, and a brother, Peter James "Jim" Furkis.

Services were held Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Rev. Mitch Moser officiated. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Memorials are to Shriner's Children's Hospitals or to a charity of the donor's choice.

The Family of Lucille Weeks

Wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who said a prayer, sent a card, brought or prepared food, or otherwise expressed their support and sympathy during our time of loss of our mother, our grandmother, and our great-grandmother

Darryl Owen, 62

ALBION — Darryl J. Owen, 62, died Sunday, April 10, 2005, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born February 17, 1943, in Garrett to Homer and Sarah (Gaff) Owen, he lived most of his life in Noble County. He was a dairy farmer and painter in rural Albion most of his life. His hobbies included horses and fishing. He was very active in the Noble and DeKalb county Draft Horse Associations.

On October 1, 1960, he was united in marriage to Barbara S. (Osborne) Owen, and she survives in rural Albion.

He is also survived by four daughters, Laramie (Gary) Ramey, Teresa (Brad) Ebey, Sarah (Brad) Dreibelbis, all of Albion, and Brandy (fiance Donny Griffith) Owen of Syracuse; one son, Del (Ruth) Owen of Albion; three sisters, Joyce (Richard) Caskey of Ligonier, Kay (Wilber) Freeman of Marion, and Janice (Dale) Geiger of Columbia City; two brothers, Jack (Jane) Owen of Albion and Dennis (Wanda) Owen of Lafayette, IN; 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, North Ridge Chapel, with the Rev. Ben Archer officiating. Burial was in Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials are to the Noble or DeKalb Draft Horse Association.

NEW ERA
April 13 2005 Albion, Indiana

Lauris Clouse-95

GREEN TOWNSHIP -- Lauris M. Clouse, 95, a former resident of Green Township in Noble County, died at 11:25 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville following an extended illness.

Mrs. Clouse was born in Green Center on November 8, 1909, a daughter of Charles and Pearl (McCoy) Summers, and spent her formative years in that community. On February 28, 1926, she was married to Marion L. Clouse. The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Osceola, Middlebury, and Shipshewana, before returning to the family farm in Green Township in 1942, where they lived for the rest of their married lives.

A nurses aide for 25 years, she had worked at nursing homes in Albion, Wolf Lake, and at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She has also worked as a home health-care aide for several years.

Mrs. Clouse was a member of the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam.

Mr. Clouse preceded her in death on June 6, 1998.

Surviving are her three children and their spouses, Helen and Edward Patton of Fort Wayne, Dale and Betty Clouse of Albion, and Terry and Helen Clouse of Churubusco; her sister, Frieda Walburn of Kendallville; ten grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Thad Summers; and by two sisters, Mae Fry and Edna Herendeen.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam with Pastor George Cecil, officiating.

The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco today from 2-8 p.m. or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be at the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Area man's body found in pond

Victim had been fishing just east of Noble County line

BY DAVE KURTZ
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GARRETT — Divers found a Garrett man's body in a private farm pond Wednesday night, at least 5 1/2 hours after he fell into the water.

Larry A. DePew, 58, died in a pond at 0018 C.R. 52, just east of the Noble County line, said Indiana Conservation Officer Rodney Clear.

The Steuben County Underwater Rescue Recovery Team found DePew's body about 40 feet from the pond's shore, in water 11 feet deep. He was about 12 feet from the end of a pier.

"We believe the victim was fishing from the pier. Whether it was a medical condition that he ended up in the water, or he slipped and fell in the water, we're not sure of that information yet," Clear said.

Investigators are treating the death as a possible drowning. The DeKalb County coroner's office is expected to conduct an autopsy to search for the cause of death, Clear said.

Investigators believe DePew fell into the water sometime between 7:30 a.m., when he was last seen alive, and 1 p.m.

Other fishermen came to the pond around 1 p.m. and saw an unattended vehicle and personal items on the pier, Clear said. They did not notice anything else unusual and did not call for help.

Someone else who saw DePew's iter on the pier called 911 at 5:37 p.m., Cle said. He did not know the identity of t caller.

Rescuers from several agencies rush to the pond on the south side of C.R. 5 three miles west of Garrett. The five-ac pond is at the end of a dirt lane ab three-eighths of a mile long and is visible from the county road.

AREA MAN: *Body was recovered by divers at 6:37 p.m.*

Rescuers called for the Lutheran Air helicopter from Fort Wayne. Its pilot hovered above the pond, trying to spot DePew from the air.

When dive teams from Auburn and Steuben County entered the pond, the Steuben team found the body at 6:37 p.m.

"All the agencies worked well together. Basically, once the divers were in the water, recovery was made within just a few minutes," Clear said.

DePew had fished at the pond frequently for a number of years, Clear said. People who came by the scene said several neighbors have permission to fish at the pond, known as Riccius Lake for the property's owner. One neighbor said the pond was created when construction crews dug out soil for a construction project on nearby S.R. 3.

Agencies participating in the search for DePew's body included fire departments from LaOtto and Garrett, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, Auburn Police Department, Indiana Conservation Officers, DeKalb EMS, Auburn Dive Team and Steuben County Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team.

Blas Zuniga

ST. JOE — Blas T. Zuniga, 68, died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Zuniga worked as a foreman at Sechler's Pickles, retiring after 32 years of service.

He was born Feb. 3, 1937, in San Antonio, Texas, to Librado and Isabel (Trevino) Zuniga. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his fiancee, Gloria Harter of St. Joe; two daughters, Rosa Zuniga and Silvia More, both of Texas; three sisters; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Fatal Crash

ANDY BARRAND

Wreck kills Butler woman

A Butler woman died Wednesday when her car slammed into a tree on a rural road three miles east of Hamilton. Peggy Wicker, 42, of the 100 block of East Washington Street, Butler, died at the crash scene from blunt-force trauma, Indiana State Police said. Wicker was driving a 1990 Subaru southbound on C.R. 700E near C.R. 700S at 12:05 p.m. Her car left the blacktop roadway at a high rate of speed and struck a tree, ejecting Wicker from the car, a police report said. The car caught fire, catching the field in which it landed on fire. The blaze was extinguished by members of the Hamilton Fire Department.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct an error in information provided by the funeral home.*

Raymond Boyle

LAGRANGE — Raymond E. Boyle, 79, of LaGrange died Sunday, April 10, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Boyle had been a farmer and factory worker. He was a veteran of World War II.

He was born Aug. 20, 1925, in Angola to Albert and Cora Boyle. On April 20, 1945, he married Frances Bellaire. She died Feb. 6.

Surviving are six sons, Raymond Boyle Jr. of Cargo, Mich., Melvin Boyle of Wolcottville, Delvin Boyle of LaGrange, Chester Boyle of Fort Wayne, Jim Boyle of Auburn and John Boyle of Marshfield, Wis.; three daughters, Betty Hamilton of Three Rivers, Mich., Judy Fields of Fishers and Susie Casteel of Florida; 19 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home at LaGrange with the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Richard Gibbons

KENDALLVILLE — Richard H. Gibbons, 86, of Kendallville, formerly of Penfield, N.Y., died at 9:35 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2005, in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

Mr. Gibbons

He was an educator, primarily teaching social studies in secondary schools.

On Sept. 12, 1918, in Buffalo, N.Y., he was born to Oliphant and Mabel (Lowry) Gibbons. He married Martha Vaughan of Buffalo on April 1, 1942. She preceded him in death on Oct. 22, 1988. He married Hilda (Cox) Hanes in Boynton Beach, Fla., on March 1, 1991. She survives in Kendallville.

Mr. Gibbons graduated from Buffalo State Teachers College with a bachelor of science degree in education in 1940, and from Syracuse University with a master of science degree in education in 1941. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1942-1945, serving in Europe from 1943 to 1945.

While serving as chairman of the Penfield High School Social Studies Department, he helped develop the American History curriculum for New York state. Prior to Penfield High School, he also taught at high schools in Buffalo, Groveland, N.Y., and Livonia, N.Y. He retired from education in 1974.

Mr. Gibbons was a member of Phi Delta Kappa education fraternity, National Council for the Social Studies, National Education Association, and the New York State Teachers Association, serving in the association's House of Delegates from 1949 to 1953. He served on the Livonia Library Board, Penfield Republican Committee, Penfield Boy Scout Committee and the Penfield Little League. He was also a member of the Penfield First Baptist Church and Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. He was a member of the Penfield, N.Y., and the Kendallville Rotary clubs.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Lexie Gibbons of Sylmar, Calif., and David and Marty Gibbons of Columbia, Mo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and David Davenport of Rochester, N.Y.; three stepsons and their wives, Howard and Ruth Hanes of Glen Rock, N.J., Hugh and June Hanes of Huron, Ohio, and Hal and Sue Hanes of Pekin, Ill.; two stepdaughters, Hannah Johnson and her husband, Robert, of Fort Wayne, and Hope Fey of Indianapolis; a stepdaughter-in-law, Cleo Hanes of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Jim Lake of Tucson, Ariz.; 24 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, two brothers, a sister and a stepson, Harold Hanes Jr., preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral in Kendallville with the Rev. Gene Flickinger officiating. Calling will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

A service will be held in Penfield, N.Y., at a later date.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 64421, St. Paul, MN 55164-0421 or the Chautauqua Fund, P.O. Box 28, Chautauqua, N.Y. 14722-9981.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

Elwood Messmann

FORT WAYNE — Elwood W. Messmann, 92, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at Woodview Health Center.

He was retired from International Harvester, where he had worked 44 years. He was a member of UAW Local 57 and Emanuel Lutheran Church of New Haven.

Surviving are his wife, Luetta, of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law Kenneth and Marilyn Messmann of New Haven; a daughter and son-in-law Charlene and Ed Vondran of New Haven; five grandchildren, Rhonda Acosta of Woodburn, Lisa Kimmel of New Haven, Joellyn Petry of Spencerville, Douglas Vondran of Harlan and Matthew Vondran of New Haven; 22 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Emanuel Lutheran Church, 800 Green St., New Haven, with burial in the church cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Emanuel Lutheran Church, Lake James Lutheran Chapel or Worship for Shut-ins.

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Oscar Landez

AVILLA — Oscar J. Landez, 58, formerly of Dallas, Texas, died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Landez

Mr. Landez was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, serving from 1967-1970. He received various service medals including the Vietnam Service Medal with a Bronze Service Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm Leaf, Combat Infantryman Badge and the Army Condemnation Medal with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster.

On Jan. 8, 1947, in Pharr, Texas, he was born to Bartolo and Andrea (Garza) Landez.

Surviving are a son, Orlando Landez of Longview, Texas, a daughter and son-in-law, Andrea Jane Landez-Smedley and William Smedley of Pittsburgh, Texas; two granddaughters, Shyanna Jewel Durham and Maliza Sammon Smedley, both of Pittsburgh, Texas; his ex-wife, Yolanda Hock of Gladewater, Texas; stepmother, Vernadean Landez of Kendallville; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Yolanda and Barton Merriman of Rome City, Esther Fischer of Avilla, and Connie and Jeff Teeple of LaOtto; four brothers and a sister-in-law, Bartholomew J. Landez, Bart A. Landez, Lee Landez and Felix and Stephanie Landez, all of Kendallville; three nieces and two spouses, Dawn and David Hodges of Knobnoster, Mo., Sonja and Mark Hollis of Avilla, and Felicia Landez of Kendallville; several nephews and five spouses, Shawn and Joy Landez of Fort Wayne, Tony and Jessica Landez of Noblesville, Donnie and Tracee Fischer of Kendallville, Bernard Fischer of Avilla, Jeff and Nicole Teeple of Kendallville, Adam, Alex, Andrew and Austin Mapes, all of Ashley, Marcellino Merriman of South Bend, Joshua and Jennifer Landez of LaGrange, Nicholas, Michael and Zach Landez of Kendallville, and Dustin Garrison, no address listed.

Preceding him in death were a nephew, Christopher Lee Landez, in 1976; a brother, Barry S. Landez, in 1990; his father in 1998; and two nieces and a nephew, Debra Teeple Sprau, Destiny Ryan Sprau and Skylar Zane, all in 2004.

A funeral Mass will held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Dan Durkin officiating. Burial will be at the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Everett Speaker Jr.

KIMMELL — Everett Speaker Jr., 76, of rural Kimmell died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at his residence.

Mr. Speaker

He was a retired Group Dekko plant manager.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident and attended Wolf Lake Baptist Church. He was a member of the Albion American Legion Post and the 40 & 8 Club.

In Noble County on May 30, 1928, he was born to Everett and Mildred (Wills) Speaker. On Jan. 15, 1966, in Kimmell, he married Jean A. Maloney. She survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Everett J. Speaker of Columbia City; a stepson and his wife, Brian L. and Sherry Merriman of Belton, S.C.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Loucinda L. Hummer of Ludington, Mich., and Alyce and Frank Kula of Free Soil, Mich.; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Beth and Joey Stewart of Belton, S.C., and Brenda L. and Alan Johnston of Williamston, S.C.; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Allen Mogg of Lake View, Ark.; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a brother, Thomas Speaker, preceded him in death.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Sparta Cemetery, rural Noble County, with the Rev. Dan Carlson, officiating.

Memorials are Parkview Noble Hospice or COPD Lung Association.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Neva Spangler

NORFOLK, Va. — Neva (Kessie) Spangler, 78, of Norfolk died Saturday, April 2, 2005, at Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk.

Mrs. Spangler

She attended Fellowship Baptist Church in Norfolk.

Mrs. Spangler was born Jan. 5, 1927, in Whitley County, Ind., to William and Wilda (Grable) Kessie. On Aug. 25, 1946, in Whitley County at Troy Presbyterian Church, she married Leo Greider, who preceded her in death in 1990. On June 6, 1999, she married Powell Spangler at the church. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Gary Earnhart of Goshen; Nancy and Verne Cook of Bunker Hill, Ind.; Cindy and Bill Keirn of Columbia City; Sharon and Ken Cripe of Wawaka; and Angie and Chris Kidd of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Anita Greider of Churubusco; two stepchildren, Aubrey Spangler and Linda Wells; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Beulah Kessie, Fritz and Joyce Kessie and Dick and Carolyn Kessie, all of Columbia City, and Bill and Audrey Kessie of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Her parents, four brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Troy Presbyterian Church in Columbia City with the Rev. Dr. Joseph Smith officiating.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, or the American Cancer Society.

DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Lucille Hantz

HAMILTON — Lucille M. Hantz, 68, of Hamilton died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Hantz was born Aug. 27, 1936, in Defiance County, Ohio to Walter C.F. and Laura (Liska) Donze. She married Alfred Hantz on Jan. 1, 1955, and he preceded her in death on May 12, 1993.

She worked at Pittsfield Indiana in Hamilton for 30 years, retiring in 1999. She loved to go to casinos.

Surviving are a son, Roger Hantz of Hamilton; a daughter, Linda Grosch of Elkhart; a brother, Robert Donze of Bryan, Ohio; three sisters, Margaret Taylor of Phoenix and Betty Lorentz and Barbara Donze, both of Bryan, Ohio; four grandchildren, Rebecca, Ron and Shawn Hantz and Tonya Flores Reyes; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to American Diabetes Association.

Mary Williams

ROME CITY — Mary Louise Williams, 67, of Rome City died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, in the Life Care Center, LaGrange.

Mrs. Williams

She was a lifetime resident of LaGrange and Noble counties and worked at Sealed Power in LaGrange from 1963 to 1967 and Dometic Corp. in LaGrange from 1968 to 1998 before retiring.

She was a member of Rome City United Methodist Church, Red Hat Tea-Sers of Rome City, the Rome City American Legion Post 381 Auxiliary and she was a Rome City Housing Authority commissioner.

In LaGrange on March 21, 1938, she was born to Granville R. and Margaret (Doney) Foltz. She married James F. Williams in Angola on Aug. 17, 1963. He preceded her in death on Aug. 27, 1998.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, B. Louise Williams of LaGrange, and Brenda and Jeffrey Taylor of Indianapolis; a stepson and his wife, Donald J. and Diane Williams of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a sister and brother-in-law, Janet and LeMarr Schrock of Shipshewana; a special friend, John Cazier of Rome City; three grandchildren, Jimmy Guldin, Carrie Bieberich and Josh Taylor; two stepgrandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, a grandson, Joshua Guldin, preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 1999.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Rome City United Methodist Church.

Peggy Wicker

BUTLER — Peggy S. Wicker, 42, of Butler died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at 12:15 p.m. in an automobile crash at the intersection of Steuben C.R. 700E and C.R. 700S, east of Hamilton.

She was born Nov. 14, 1962, in Fort Wayne. Her father, Alfred Shirely, preceded her in death. Her mother, Joyce (Espich) Jackson, survives in Ashley.

She married Steve Wicker on May 6, 1995, in Butler. He died April 2, 2004.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel Dennis and Donald Dennis, both of Butler; a stepson, Michael Wicker of Angola; a daughter, Alyssa De[illegible] Butler; two stepdaughters, Melissa Anthonysamy and Kristen Wicker, both of Angola; four brothers, Robert Shirely of Ashley and Ronald Shirely, Ernie Shirely and Alfred Shirely Jr., all of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren, Hakeemah Wicker, Nalonie Anthonysamy and Eliana Anthonysamy, all of Angola.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery near Angola.

Calling will be Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Raymond Salisbury

MINNIE, Ky. — Raymond Salisbury, 69, of Minnie, Ky., died Sunday, April 10, 2005, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, Ky.

He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church in Estill, Ky.

In Floyd County, Ky., he was born on April 26, 1935, to Arnold and Velvie (Yource) Salisbury. They preceded him in death. He married Norma Jean Collins. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Michael Salisbury of Kylesford, Tenn.; two daughters, Jennifer Johnson of Hager Hill, Ky., and Pamela Mosley of Lexington, Ky.; three brothers, Dean Salisbury, Hoie "Bud" Salisbury and Gordon Salisbury, all of Indiana; five sisters, Shelbie Short, Ora Wicker and Vernice McDaniels, all of Indiana, Flora Borger of Kendallville, Ind., and Pelinna Dirrim of Alabama; and two grandchildren, Emily Elizabeth Salisbury and Shawn Michael Johnson.

In addition to his wife and parents, a brother Paul "Pete" Salisbury preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with James A. Morris officiating. Burial will be in the Salisbury Family Cemetery, Printer, Ky.

Timothy Fitzgerald

ANGOLA — Timothy J. Fitzgerald, 53, of Angola died Tuesday, April 12 2005, at home.

Mr. Fitzgerald was born Aug. 22, 1951, in Fort Wayne to Carl and Rita M. (Girardot) Fitzgerald.

He was a former postal clerk at the Waynedale Post Office. He belonged to the Libertarian Party, and was an avid guitar player who played in several area bands. He was a lifelong sports enthusiast.

Mr. Fitzgerald

Surviving are a brother, Gregory Schumacher of Fremont; a sister, Linda A. Smith of Fremont; two nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his stepfather, Loren Schumacher.

No services or calling will be held. Arrangements were handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Autopsy can't explain Garrett man's drowning

BY DAVE KURTZ
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GARRETT — An autopsy Thursday yielded no clues to why a Garrett man fell into a private pond and drowned Wednesday, said DeKalb County Coroner Richard Brown.

Larry A. DePew, 58, drowned sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday in a pond along C.R. 52, just east of the Noble County line, Conservation Officer Rodney Clear said Wednesday night.

The autopsy did eliminate some possible reasons for DePew's death, Brown said.

"The apparent cause of death is going to be drowning. So far, we don't have a medical cause that would have caused it," Brown said.

"We've pretty much ruled out foul play. There wasn't any trauma to the body that would suggest foul play," the coroner added.

However, Brown said, "We may not know why he ended up in the water," other than to rule the death an accident.

The Steuben County Underwater Rescue Recovery Team found DePew's body about 40 feet from the pond's shore, in water 11 feet deep. He was about 12 feet from the end of a pier, where he apparently was fishing, Clear said.

Someone who saw DePew's belongings on the pier called 911 at 5:37 p.m., Clear said. Other fishermen had seen those items at 1 p.m., but did not realize a drowning had occurred. Clear said the last time someone saw DePew alive was around 7:30 a.m.

An autopsy took place Thursday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Brown said the only other possible source of clues to the death is a toxicology report that will be complete in about two weeks.

Larry DePew

GARRETT — Larry A. DePew, 58, died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, in an apparent accident.

He was born Oct. 19, 1946, in Garrett to Arthur W. DePew and Lorene M. (Lash) DePew.

He was a lineman at GTE Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in May 1998. Following his retirement, he assisted on the Lon Fritz farm southwest of Altona. He occasionally drove a milk truck for Christman.

He was a 1964 graduate of Garrett High School and a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1965-67.

Mr. DePew enjoyed taking his 1957 Chevy to car shows, playing cards and music. He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the Auburn Moose and an Altona volunteer firefighter. He was a lifetime Garrett resident.

Surviving are his mother, Lorene M. DePew of Garrett; his longtime companion, Pat Clemons of Garrett, and her family, Chris and Kim Clemons of Fort Wayne, K.C. and Teddra Clemons of Garrett and Brad and Dawn Clemons of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and Rob Conrad of Auburn and Sharon and Todd Estes of Noblesville; his grandchildren, Kevin DePew and Brandon Estes of Noblesville and Jacob and Trevor Conrad of Auburn; his grandchildren with his companion, Karlie, Spencer, Maddie, Libby, Hannah, Alex, Cayden, Shade, Brittni and Xander; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Leslie "Les" DePew of Garrett and Ritch and Mona DePew of Eugene, Ore.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Janice Richardson of Kendallville and Jean and Randy Rupp of Lafayette; and a beloved pet, Missie.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery of rural Garrett, with military graveside honors by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Big Brothers-Big Sisters.

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Richard Witte

ST. JOE — Richard Witte died Thursday evening, April 14, 2005, at his home in St. Joel.

Arrangements are being handled by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Marcia Schweitzer

FORT WAYNE — Marcia L. Schweitzer, 58, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital.

A Huntertown native, she was an insurance claims analyst.

She was a member of the First Mennonite Church and sang with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus. She enjoyed bird watching, flowers and singing.

Surviving are her husband, Nick E. Schweitzer; two sons and daughters-in-law Todd and Kelly Schweitzer and Tory and Aimee Schweitzer, all of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Carol Queen of Huntertown and Rhonda Listenberger of Garrett; and five grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Clifford and Louise (Richards) Middaugh; a sister Jeannean Rains; and three brothers David, Karl and Kenneth Middaugh.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with burial at Huntertown Cemetery.

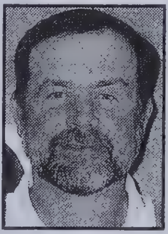
Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hope Lodge, 411 2nd St. NW, Rochester, Minn. 55901.

Roger Word

ANGOLA — Roger L. Word, 55, of Angola died Thursday, April 14, 2005, in Angola.

Mr. Word was born Dec. 1, 1949, in Angola to DeWayne M. and Ruby M. (Bolinger) Word. He was married to Mary Ann Schafer on Feb. 3, 1989, in Angola. She survives.



Mr. Word

He was a self-employed farmer and former employee of Tenneco Automotive (Imperial Clevite) in Angola for 14 years. He graduated from Fremont High School in 1968.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tracy and Don Wise Jr. of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Sarah Word of Fremont; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Carey and Christopher Scharlach of Ypsilanti, Mich.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Jeremiah and Paula Yockey of Angola; his mother, Ruby Word of Angola; a brother, John Word of Angola; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Cheri and Richard Hantz and Laura and Robert Gallogly, all of Angola and Nancy and Richard Wilson of Hudson; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, DeWayne M. "Dinkie" Word, on March 16, 2005.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Alan Word officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Steuben County 4-H or Steuben County Cancer Society.

Mary Alice Lehman

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary Alice Lehman, 41, of Shipshewana died at 11:30 a.m. Ohio time Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. She had been in declining health since April 8.

On Aug. 10, 1963, in LaGrange County, she was born to Levi and Susie (Yoder) Lehman.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church, and worked for 10 years at Ziggity Systems, Middlebury.

Surviving are seven sisters and four brothers-in-law, Esther and Wilbur Bontrager, Edna Lehman, Elsie Lehman and Sue and Eli Lambright, all of Shipshewana, Ada Lehman of Middlebury, Irene and Howard Gingerich of Milford, Lou Ida and LaVern Stutzman of Nappanee; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Mervin and Effie Lehman of Fresno, Ohio, Daniel and Marlene Lehman of Shipshewana, Nelson and Esther Lehman of Goshen, Levi J. and LeAnna Lehman of Millersburg, and Elroy Lehman of Albany, N.H.; and a good friend, Deliah Miller of LaGrange.

Her parents and a niece preceded her in death.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Richard Miller residence, 2920 N. C.R. 850W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Leroy Miller and the Revs. Myron Miller and Paul Troyer officiating. Burial will be in Keightly Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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Thelma Brinkman

SYRACUSE — Graveside services for Thelma M. Brinkman will be Saturday, April 23, 2005, at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Mrs. Brinkman, 99, of Syracuse died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at 4:29 a.m. in Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Brinkman was a homemaker and had lived in Syracuse since 1940. She was a member of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Syracuse. She was one of the founders of St. Andrew's Thrift Shop, which started in 1964, and worked there until 2000.

She was the president of the Parent-Teachers Organization in 1947 and was president of the Wednesday Afternoon Club in 1952. She was president of the Senior Mothers' Club in 1975 and 1976.

She was born Sept. 9, 1905 in Pleasant Township to Michael and Imo (Anderson) Myers.

She married Vern H. Brinkman in 1937. He died in 1973.

Surviving are two sons, Harry R. Brinkman of Leesburg and Michael J. Brinkman of Syracuse.

Five brothers preceded her in death.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, of Syracuse, is handling arrangements.

Florence May Hockley

BIRMINGHAM, England — Florence May Hockley, 84, died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, in England.

A homemaker, she was a member of Bewdley Methodist Church in Bewdley, England.

She was born April 6, 1921, in Birmingham, England, to Samuel and Matilda Wragg.

She married James Hockley, March 18, 1944, in Birmingham. He preceded her in death on Nov. 15, 1991.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Debra of Kendallville and Norman and Nancy of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Tom Tolley of Bewdley and Susan and Chris Morris of Stourbridge, England; four grandchildren in the U.S., and three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren in England.

She also was preceded in death by a grandson, Robert Poysor.

The funeral will be in Birmingham, England, and burial will be in Witton Cemetery, Birmingham.

Preferred memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville.

Lisa Bontrager

MIDDLEBURY — Lisa Loraine Bontrager, two months and 25 days old, of rural Middlebury died at 2:52 a.m. today, April 15, 2005. She had been ill since birth.

On Jan. 21, 2005, she was born to Cristie and LouAnn (Lehman) Bontrager in New Eden Care Center, Topeka. They survive.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are two sisters, Wanda Jean and Sharon Kay Bontrager, both at home; two brothers, Larry Dean and Aaron Jay Bontrager, both at home; maternal grandparents Ora and Lorene Lehman, of Goshen; great-grandparents Lloyd J. and Anna Mae Miller, of Camberia, Wisc.; and a great-grandmother Mary A. Lehman, of Middlebury.

Paternal grandparents Amos and Polly Bontrager preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Harley Lehman residence with Bishop Nelson Gingerich and the Rev. Menno Lehman of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling is after 5 p.m. today and all day Saturday at the family residence at 57740 Elkhart C.R. 33, Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

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Word of Tom Connor's death reaches home

VENICE, Fla. — Word has been received that former Ligonier businessman Thomas E. Connor, 75, died March 18, 2005 in Venice, Fla.

Mr. Connor had moved to Florida in 1992 from Ligonier, where he was well known for his numerous business accomplishments and involvement with community projects.

He was a banker for many years in Noble County, having worked his way up to the position of President of the American State Bank in Ligonier before retiring.

He was a long-time member of the Ligonier Lions Club, and later joined the South Venice Rotary Club in Florida.

Mr. Connor was born May 14, 1929, in Montpelier, Indiana.

Among his survivors is his wife of four years, Tatiane. Other survivors include a daughter, Elaine Grimes of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; and two sons, Craig Connor of Sarasota, Fla., and Tom Connor of Fort Wayne. He also is survived by three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held March 24, 2005 at the Ewing Funeral Home in Venice.

Memorial donations may be made to the Leukemia Society of America, Suncoast Chapter, Suite 225, 3725 W. Grace St., Tampa, FL 33607-4834.

Alejandro Flores

Alejandro Enrique Flores was stillborn on Thursday, April 7, 2005, at Goshen General Hospital.

He is survived by his mother, Sara (Charles) Flores, and his father, Anselmo Barrios; two brothers, James Charles and Brian Flores, both of Ligonier; one sister, Rosamarie Charles of Ligonier; grandparents, the Rev. Elmer and Rosemary Charles, and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by twin sisters, Amy and Rebecca Barrios.

Graveside services will be Monday, April 11 at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with the Rev. Mike Stanley officiating. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Jeanette Rowland

Jeanette Rowland, 78, died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, in Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Rowland

Mrs. Rowland had resided on a farm near Burr Oak. She had been employed at Weatherhead Co. in Columbia City for eight years and had retired from Dexter Axel Co. in Albion.

She had attended Washington Township Elementary School and graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

Mrs. Rowland was born Nov. 23, 1926, in Washington Township, Noble County, to James Edward and Gladys Mae (Stults) Stump. On Feb. 3, 1951, she married Murray L. Rowland. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John E. Rowland of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Dennis J. Rowland of Burr Oak; two brothers, Hal Stump of Kimmell and Larry Stump of Cincinnati; and a grandson, Joseph Rowland of Boston, Mass.

Services were Friday, April 8 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Michael Allen of Ormas Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to the Parkinson Foundation, 1501 North West 9th Ave., Miami, FL 33136.

Robert Replogle

Robert D. Replogle, 82, of Kimmell died Friday, April 8, 2005, at midnight in Kendallville Manor Health Care.

Mr. Replogle had been a Noble County resident most of his life. He had worked as a brakeman for the B&O, C&O and CSX railroads. He also had been a self-employed wallpaper hanger for many years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Replogle

He was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church, the Cromwell Masonic Lodge, West Noble American Legion Post, Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Noble County Shriner's Club and Keystone Cops. He had participated in driving children to the Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children.

He was born Dec. 20, 1922, in St. Petersburg, Fla., to William and Elizabeth (Owens) Furkis.

On May 29, 1943, in Denver, Colo., he married Lois E. Gorsuch. She survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-laws, Daniel "Dan" and Jean Ann Replogle of Kendallville, Robert "Bob" and LuAnn Replogle of Ligonier, and Charles "Chuck" and Vicki Replogle of Kimmell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lucinda "Cyndi" and Mike Halsey of Ligonier, and Wendy and Dave Smith of Ligonier; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Louise Furkis of Ligonier, and Dorothy "Dot" and Bill Foster of Ligonier; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard "Dick" Replogle, and a brother, Peter James "Jim" Furkis.

Services were Tuesday, April 12 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home. The Rev. Mitch Moser will officiate. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Memorials are to Shriner's Children's Hospitals or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Neva Spangler

NORFOLK, Va. – Neva "Kessie" Spangler, 78, of Norfolk, died April 2, 2005 at the Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk. She attended the Fellowship Baptist Church in Norfolk. She was a cherished mother and a friend to many. Although she will be missed, she will live on in the hearts of all who loved her.

Mrs. Spangler

Neva was born in Whitley County, Indiana to William and Wilda (Grable) Kessie on January 5, 1927. In 1946, she married Leo Greider, who preceded her in death in 1990. In 1999, she married Powell Spangler who survives her.

She is also survived by her children; Beverly (Gary) Earnhart of Goshen; Jack (Anita) Greider of Churubusco; Nancy (Verne) Cook of Bunker Hill, Ind.; Cindy (Bill) Keirn of Columbia City; Sharon (Ken) Cripe of Wawak; Angie (Chris) Kidd of Ligonier; and two stepchildren, Aubrey Spangler and Linda Wells. She had 37 grand- and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Troy Presbyterian Church in Columbia City on Sunday, April 17, 2005 at 3 p.m., with the Rev. Dr. Joseph Smith officiating.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials may be directed to The American Lung Association, The American Heart Association, or The American Cancer Society.

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Leo Tackett

Leo Tackett, 58, of Ligonier died at 4:53 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Tackett was a lifetime resident of the Warsaw, Kimmell and Ligonier areas. He had attended schools in Warsaw and Ohio. He had been employed at the Blue Fin Boat Co. in New Paris and most recently at Freudenburg-NOK in Ligonier as an inspector.

Mr. Tackett

Mr. Tackett enjoyed fishing, gardening, mowing, playing bingo and poker and operating radio-controlled cars.

He was born Nov. 25, 1946, in Warsaw to Andrew David and Addie (Blanton) Tackett. On Feb. 28, 1986, in Noble County, he married Pamela Marie Fry. She survives. Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Joshua Adam and Trisha Tackett and Dennis Deaton, all of Pierceton; a daughter and son-in-law, Heidi C. and Kenneth Noe Jr. of Albion; six sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mandy Clabaugh of Huntington, Fay Brunner of Palestine, Ind., Polly and Monroe Allen of Packerton, Ind., and Kathleen and James Griffith, and Geraldine Blair and Carol Griffith, all of Warsaw; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Hargus and Evelyn Tackett of Warsaw, Frank and Beverly Tackett of South Whitley, and Ray Tackett of Ottway, Ohio; and six grandchildren, Karmen Noe, Alex Noe, Zachary Noe, Brianna Tackett, Bailea Tackett and Tauren Tackett.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jamie Leo Tackett; and five brothers and sisters, Pauline, Charlie and Harkless Tackett, Martha Shepherd and Myrtle Heeter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 15 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Chad Burkhart of Victory Christian Church in Warsaw officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Thursday, April 14 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Darryl Owen

Darryl J. Owen, 62, of Albion died at 10:26 a.m. Sunday, April 10, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Owen was a longtime dairy farmer and painter. He had lived in the area most of his life.

He was very active in the draft horse associations in Noble and DeKalb counties. He loved horses and fishing.

Mr. Owen was born Feb. 17, 1943, in Garrett to Homer and Sarah (Gaff) Owen. On Oct. 1, 1960, in Albion, he married Barbara S. Osborne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Del and Ruth Owen of Albion; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Laramie and Gary Ramey, Teresa and Brad Ebey and Sarah and Brad Dreibelbis, all of Albion, and Brandy Owen and her fiance, Donny Griffith, of Syracuse; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Joyce and Richard Caskey of Ligonier, Kay and Wilber Freeman of Marion and Janice and Dale Geiger of Columbia City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Jane Owen of Albion and Dennis and Wanda Owen of Lafayette; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, April 13 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion North Ridge Chapel, with the Rev. Ben Archer officiating. Burial was in Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam.

Memorials are to the Noble or DeKalb draft horse associations.

Barbara Miller

LAGRANGE — Barbara Ann Miller, 94, of LaGrange and formerly of Middlebury, died at 4:20 a.m. Friday, April 15, 2005, at LaGrange Community Hospital, LaGrange. She had been in failing health.

Mrs. Miller

On Aug. 14, 1910, in Hutchinson, Kan., she was born to Amos and Drusilla (Yoder) Hostetler. On Dec. 10, 1936, she married Menno Miller. He preceded her in death on April 13, 1997.

She was a homemaker, owner of Farmers Market Restaurant in Elkhart, made baked goods to sell at the farmers market, and she was a member of the River Of Life Fellowship Church. She enjoyed baking, gardening and crocheting.

Surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Ida Mae Weaver of Hartville, Ohio, Anna Ruth and Joe Miller of Topeka, Lorene Hershberger of Maysville, Ohio, and Esther Miller of Gap, Pa.; four sons and daughters-in-law, Jonas and Barbara Miller of Millersburg, Vernon and Linda Miller of Loveland, Colo., LeRoy and Janice Miller of Colorado Springs, Colo., and David A. and Delores Miller of Fort Wayne; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Sue Mast of Goshen, Verna and Willis Yoder of Middlebury, Lovina Miller of Nappanee, and Elizabeth "Betty" Miller of Ponca City, Okla.; 35 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and six stepgrandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, a daughter, Verna Weaver; two grandchildren; and a brother, David Hostetler, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Fairhaven Mennonite Church, Goshen, with the Rev. Gordon Henke of the River of Life Fellowship Church officiating. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today and Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Leah Ann Oswalt

AUBURN — Leah Ann Oswalt died Thursday, April 14, 2005 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

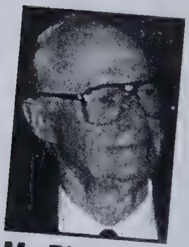
She is survived by her parents, Wes and Kelly Oswalt of Auburn; a sister, Audrey; a brother, Max; paternal grandparents Bob and Doneta Oswalt of Auburn; maternal grandparents Dave and Treva DeWitt of Auburn; and maternal great-grandmother Mary DeWitt of Auburn.

There will be no services or calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Robert Rider

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Thomas "Bob" Rider, 82, of Churubusco and formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, April 15, 2005, at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Rider

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

In LaGrange County on Oct. 19, 1922, he was born to James E. and Hazel J. (Steele) Rider. He married Claribel Mae Long on Feb. 14, 1987, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Churubusco.

He drove a semi truck for Newnam Foundry for 32 years and was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville. He was a life member of Francis E. Vinyard V.F.W. Post 2749 and American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville, a 49-year member of the Elks Lodge in Kendallville, and a member of the Old Fort Chapter of American Ex Prisoners of War, Fort Wayne.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steven Rider, and Kim and Teri Rider, all of Kendallville, and Matthew and Julie Rider of Angola; three stepchildren, Janet Elkins of Ocala, Fla., Larry Foote of Bettendorf, Iowa, and James Foote of Dewitt, Iowa; and four grandchildren.

A brother, Dale Rider; two sisters, Kathleen Lotter and Donna Troutman; and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Dale Henderson officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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THIS OBITUARY *is bing reprinted to correct an error from the funeral home and to include additional information.*

Marcia Schweitzer

FORT WAYNE — Marcia L. (Middaugh) Schweitzer, 58, of Fort Wayne, and a Huntertown area native, died at 7:40 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for the past year, and entered the hospital on April 2.

In Fort Wayne on July 11, 1946, she was born to Clifford and M. Louise (Richards) Middaugh. On Sept. 5, 1964, in Fort Wayne, she married Nick E. Schweitzer. He survives.

She spent her formative years in Huntertown, attended Huntertown schools and graduated from Bethany Christian School in Goshen in 1964.

Mrs. Schweitzer spent her married life in Fort Wayne where she was a member of the First Mennonite Church and sang in the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus.

She worked as a claims analyst at the former Mutual Security Life Insurance Co. in Fort Wayne for over 12 years, and also worked at AGA Insurance in Fort Wayne for a time. She enjoyed bird watching, flowers, singing and most especially her family.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons and daughters-in-law, Todd E. and Kelly Schweitzer, and Troy W. and Aimee Schweitzer, all of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carol and Paul Queen of Huntertown, and Rhonda Listenberger of Garrett; and five grandchildren, Adam, Austin, Cody, Lauryn and Miah Schweitzer.

Preceding her in death were her parents, a sister, Jeannean Raines, and three brothers, David C., Karl and Kenneth Middaugh.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. John King officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Memorials may directed to Hope Lodge, 411 2nd St., N.W., Rochester, MN 55901.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

Eugene Freeland

Mr. Freeland

LAGRANGE — Eugene M. Freeland, 90, of LaGrange died at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. He had been in failing health for two weeks.

On Aug. 28, 1914, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Joseph and Grace (Englehart) Freeland.

He had resided in LaGrange County since the 1940s, having moved from the Wolk Lake area.

Mr. Freeland was a vegetable farmer in LaGrange County, and active with the Farmers Market in LaGrange. During World War II he was the Wolcottville town marshal, and prior to that the CCC park ranger in Yellowstone National Park along with other national parks.

Surviving are three nieces along with a spouse, Josephine Ritchie of Kendallville, Rose Marie Woody and her husband, Roosevelt, of Florida, and Delores Cotton of Michigan; three nephews and their spouses, Don and Jacque Freeland of Dallas Center, Iowa, William and Karen Freeland of Kendallville, and Robert and Cecilia Freeland of Huntsville, Ala.; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and caregivers Cathy and Boyd Ritchie and Kenneth and Deanna Ritchie, all of Kendallville.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Russell Hepler officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Noble County.

Calling will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Food and Bread Basket.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

Stanley Kirk

LEO — Stanley H. Kirk, 84, of Leo died Thursday, April 14, 2005, at 4:50 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Kirk retired in 1982 from the U.S. Postal Service, where he had been a superintendent at the Fort Wayne Post Office and later was postmaster at Decatur. He operated Kirk Piano & Tuning for many years. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was a member of American Legion Post 409 at Leo and the Retired Postmasters Association.

He was born Nov. 11, 1920, in Peppertown to Henry and Minnie (Stephenson) Kirk.

He is survived by his wife, Nada Kelsey Kirk; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Patsy and Rex Wall of Ashley, Jo Ann and Jack Moorefield of Leo and Bonita Kirk of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Kathy Kirk of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Genevieve Lamb of Urbana, Ohio, and Marjorie Chenault of Springboro, Ohio; 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; and four stepchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Telitha, who died in 1993, and a grandson, Steven McCorkle, who died in 1981.

Services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Steve Gift officiating.

Burial will be in Leo Memorial Cemetery with military graveside services by American Legion Post 409 of Leo.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indiana Lions Club Eye Bank.

Richard Witte

ST. JOE — Richard L. Witte, 74, of St. Joe died Thursday afternoon, April 14, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Witte

Mr. Witte worked as a welder/fitter at Slater Steel in Fort Wayne, retiring after 30 years of service.

He was a Korean War veteran and a member of the Butler post of the American Legion.

He was born May 21, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Mary Witte. They preceded him in death.

He married Janice Shuff on Sept. 5, 1953, in Fort Wayne. She survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Diane Witte of St. Joe; three daughters and sons-in-law, Valerie Sue and Lenn Schaefer of Waterloo, Vickie and John Woolever of Auburn and Jill and Noah Moore of St. Joe; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Crickmore of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Kylie Everage, and two brothers, Darrell and Paul Witte.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Spencerville Community Club at C.R. 68 and S.R. 1, with Pastor Paul Row officiating.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be today and Sunday, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. each day, at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, DeKalb County Unit, P.O. Box 722, Auburn, IN 46706.

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Mrs. Hanselman touched many lives

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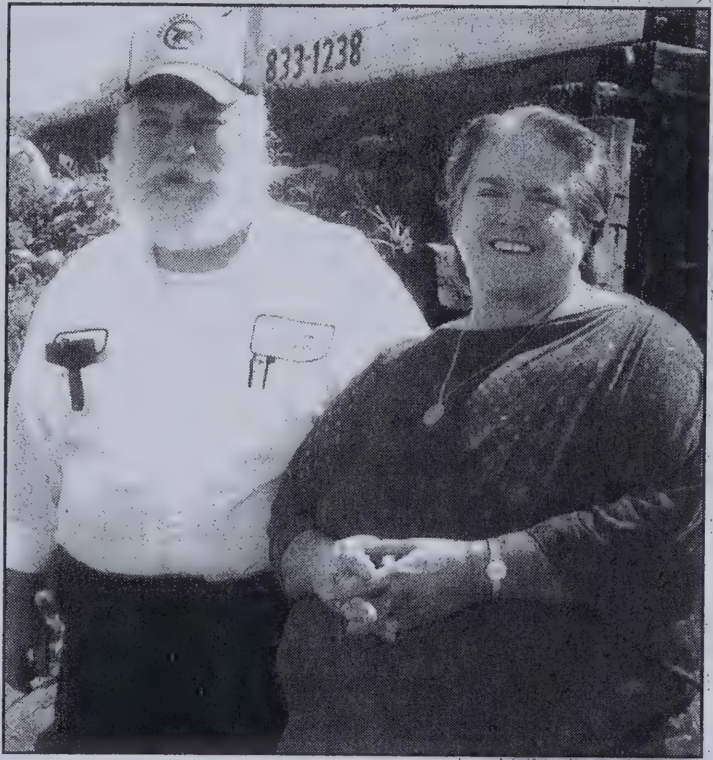

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Barbara Hanselman, right, is shown with her husband, Keith, at a photo taken at Gageview Orchards, which the couple owned. Barbara died March 28, just less than 22 months after Keith died.

ANGOLA — Using her entreprenuerial skills and the avenues she had built as owner and operator of Gageview Orchard in Angola to come up with ways to bless others was the dominating strength of Barbara A. Hanselman.

Mrs. Hanselman, 61, died Monday, March 28, 2005, less than 22 months after the death of her beloved husband of 35 years, Keith Hanselman. Friends were not surprised that the couple remained as close in death as they had in life.

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, on Nov. 28, 1943, to Robert J. and Beatrice L. (Munce) Crary, she eventually made her home in Angola, where she spent the past 35 years as owner and manager of Gageview Orchards.

Throughout her lifetime, Hanselman reached out with unselfish concern and benevolent hands, touching countless other lives.

John Butler remembers the day he moved to Steuben County in 1968 and became friends with his neighbors, the Hanselmans.

The Hanselmans and Butler shared a love of community theater and for years worked together on many productions at the Angola Community Theater.

"They were fun to know and to be around," Butler said.

But what Butler and his family really noticed about the Hanselmans was their concern for others.

"There were times they would just drop off bags of groceries," said Butler who added that, to this day, the memories bring tears to his eyes.

"We had two babies and they always made sure they had formula and we had food," he said. "The generousity and love shown by Keith and Barbara were beyond belief."

Although the Hanselmans never had any children of their own, their "son of the heart," John Price of Angola, said he always thought of himself as the Hanselman's official unadopted son.

Price started working for the Hanselmans at Gageview Orchard in March 1998 and soon was managing the business as well as the couple's many rental properties.

Price remembers Barbara's altruistic attitude very well.

"She was always so generous and certainly gave a lot to her charity work," he said. "And, she was extremely kind and giving to the people who rented from her."

After Mrs. Hanselman's death, the ownership of Gageview Orchard went to her two sisters, Cynthia Rehan in Sioux City, Iowa, and Susan Way of Ponca, Neb. Price will continue as orchard manager.

The Rev. Tom Smith of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Church worked with Barbara Hanselman for 15 years while serving as a representative of the Stueben County Ministerial Association and trying to get the Project Help organization off the ground. Project Help offers assistance in the way of food, clothing, medical care and holiday packages to impoverished people in Steuben County.

"Barbara was always on the lookout for sweetheart deals, going to auctions, making connections, and would then show up with a boatload of food for us to hand out," Smith said. "She also donated a lot of cider and produce from her own business. She was a strong supporter and a lifetime volunteer of Project Help."

Besides helping to feed and clothe those in need, Mrs. Hanselman had a soft spot in her heart for people who had little or no medical insurance coverage. Last year, after talking to Project Help director Sherri Frank and finding out that Frank was wanting to start a medical voucher program, Mrs. Hanselman donated $10,000 of her own money to get "Project Health" off the ground. She gave the donation in memory of her husband.

"Her philanthrophy is to be admired. She believed in helping her fellow man to make life better for everyone," Frank said.

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Dale Eshelman

KENDALLVILLE — Dale M. Eshelman, 93, of Avilla, died Saturday, April 16, 2005, at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Eshelman

He was born in Woodruff on Sept. 6, 1911, to Harold W. and Myrtle Olive (Shipe) Eshelman.

He was a 1990 graduate of Wolcottville High School.

He was first married to Harriett Prentice on April 5, 1931, in Kendallville and she preceded his death Dec. 28, 1986.

He then married Grace Bordner Nott on Nov. 25, 1987, in Kendallville and she survives in Kendallville.

Mr. Eshelman was the only employee with Flint and Walling in Kendallville who worked in the factory making pumps and then went onto selling pumps for the company.

He was also a salesman for National Mill Supply Co. in Fort Wayne before retiring in 1973 after 30 years of service with the company.

He was an active and nearly lifetime member of Faith United Methodist Church serving on the Board of Trustees for nine years and as Sunday school superintendent for 13 years. He was an usher and was always asked to be Master of Ceremonies at special programs of the church.

He was an avid horseshoe player and named champion three years at the Noble County Fair and a member of the National Horseshoe Pitching Association.

Also surviving are two daughters and son-in-laws, Margaret J. Tarney and Robert Ewing of Kendallville and Carol Ann and Frank Austin of Crown Point; five grandchildren and spouses, Jill and Steve Tagtmeyer of Angola, Jon and Jill Tarney of LaGrange, Lynnette Needham of Crown Point, Brett and Patti Needham of LaCrosse, and Bryce and Lori Needham of Schereville; great grandchildren, Danielle Tagtmeyer of Waldron, Ashley, Aislinn, Sean, Alyse and Isaac Tarney of LaGrange, Mandy and Scott Lawrence of Indianapolis and Chad Needham of LaCrosse; a stepdaughter and her husband, Juanita "Toni" and John Williamson of Kendallville; two step sons, Basil Nott of Kendallville and Tom Nott and his wife, Cheri, of South Milford; step-grandchildren, Kim and Matt Beerbower of Auburn, Kelly and Steve Hipskind of Auburn, Craig and Michelle Conrad of Hickory, N.C., Tracey and Ty Steward of Summitville, Ryan and Jenny Knott of South Milford and Kerry Knott of South Milford; and three sisters and their husbands, Nancy Chandler Bassett of Fort Wayne, Donnabelle and Hugh Brill of Wolcottville, and Dorothy and Martin Blakley of Fort Wayne.

Three brothers proceeded him in death, Ernest, Paul and Noris Eshelman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in the Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Donald Grepke

FORT WAYNE — Donald E. Grepke, 72, of Fort Wayne died Friday, April 15, 2005, at his home.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 18, 1932, to Henry D. and Glendora M. (Shaw) Grepke.

His wife, Carolyn J. (Moyer) Grepke, preceded him in death Dec. 19, 1995.

His formal education included 14 years. He was employed at Zollner Inc. for 34 years, retiring in 1989.

Donald Grepke was past president of Kiwanis and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law Randy and Janet Grepke; a sister and brother-in-law, Marsha and Thomas Brockway of Fort Wayne; two brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Linda Grepke of Fort Wayne and Franklin and Joanne Grepke of Kendallville; a grandchildren, Steven Grepke and Christopher (Rachel) Grepke; and one great-grandchild, Alex Rice.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas Grepke and Norman Grepke.

Calling will be Monday, April 18, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at C. M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to the services at the church on Tuesday.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be directed to Trinity United Methodist Church.

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Alma Steckley

KENDALLVILLE — Alma Kathleen (Powell) Hill Steckley, 82, of Kalamazoo, Mich., formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, April 15, 2005, at Rose Arbor Hospice Residence in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Steckley

She was born Jan. 20, 1923, in Rockcreek Township, Wells County, the daughter of Ophel H. and Leona (Raver) Powell. She graduated from Rockcreek High school in 1941 and was employed as a loan officer in Bluffton before moving to Kendallville. She was employed at McCray Refrigeration, Prudential Insurance Co., Kraft Foods and Hosler Realty throughout her work career. She also served as executive secretary of the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce for seven years.

In 1945, she married Harold A. Hill, who preceded her in death in 1973. In 1977, she married Vern F. Steckley.

Kathleen Steckley was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist since 1950 and their Esther Circle in Kendallville. She was a member of the Red Hat Society chapter No. 35360 in Kendallville. In her earlier years, she was a 4-H leader and member of Psi Iota Xi sorority.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marsha and Durrell McKenzie of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Rebecca and John Dykstra of Brooklyn, Mich.; four grandchildren and spouses, Shari and Grant Kuhn of Shelbyville, Ky., Debra and Matthew Musk of Kalamazoo, Gregory and Shelley Dykstra of Eaton Rapids, Mich., and Thomas and Dayna Dykstra of Springport, Mich.; 13 great-grandchildren, Joshua, Lauren, Hailey and McKenna Kuhn, Christopher, Anthony, Caymen, Erik, Bryan and Kaitlyn Dykstra, and Ryley, Zayne and Abygael Dykstra; a sister and brother-in-law Mary Birdella and Rex Coffield of Bluffton, sisters-in-law, Betty Powell of Bluffton, Becky Powell of Goodhue, Minn., Virginia Jones of Sturgis, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Leon and Evelyn Hill of Wolcottville; two stepdaughters and spouses, Suzy and Carl Lantz of Naperville, Ill., and Rosemary and Tom King of Mt. Crawford, Va.; a stepson and spouse George and Nancy Steckley of Galesburg, Ill.; seven step-grandchildren and spouses, Laurie and Chris Smith, Anders Lantz, Steven Benjamin, Courtney King, Eva and Richard Linstrom and Sam Steckley; and two step-great-grandchildren, Emily and Colin Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett at Trinity Church United Methodist. A visitation will preceded the services at 10 a.m.

Calling is 3-5 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kathleen Steckley Scholarship Fund at Trinity Church United Methodist, corner of State and Rush streets in Kendallville, IN, 46755, or Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan, 301 Cedar St., Kalamazoo, MI, 49007-5106.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

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Mose Troyer

LAGRANGE — Mose T. Troyer, 69, of LaGrange died at 9:44 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 2005, at Genesis Good Samaritan Hospital, Zanesville, Ohio.

Mr. Troyer

He worked many years at Starcraft in Goshen, and later worked at Wawasee Golf Course, did van delivery and was a truck driver for Mid West Steel.

He was an avid golfer, hunter and fisherman.

On Aug. 9, 1935, in Chouteau, Okla., he was born to Tobe M. and Lizzie C. (Miller) Troyer. His mother survives in Topeka.

Surviving in addition to his mother are four sons and three daughters-inlaw, Eugene and Lynette Troyer of Wildwood, Fla., Gerry and Anna Troyer of Los Lunas, N.M., Darrell and Kimberly Troyer of New Paris, and Randy Troyer of Millersburg; a daughter, Donna Moore of Elkhart; nine sisters and four brothers-in-law, Katie and Crist Miller, and Iva Miller, all of Shipshewana, Edna Miller and Fannie Bontrager, both of Middlebury, Lydia Drury of Grand Junction, Colo., Verna and John Miller, and Dorothy and Eugene Yoder, all of Topeka; Edith and Chris Schwartz of Colon, Mich., and Lorrene Burkholder of Warsaw; a brother and sister-in-law, Toby Jr. and Ann Troyer of Topeka; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-granddaughter.

In addition to his father, a brother, Bill Troyer, and a sister, Mary Bontrager, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Eden Community Worship Center, Topeka, with the Rev. Jim Barnes of the Cosperville Church officiating. Burial will be in New Paris Cemetery, New Paris.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Eden Community Worship Center.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Baby found in Dumpster

COLUMBIA CITY — Police investigating a report of a missing 9-month-old child discovered the boy's body in a Dumpster in Columbia City.

According to WANE-TV Channel 15, the initial call came in to police from a Fort Wayne home in the 1400 block of Stophlet Street. A woman, reported to be in her early 20s, told officer that her 9-month-old boy was missing after the two went to Headwaters Park.

After more questioning, police said discrepencies were found in the woman's story. It was later revealed that the boy's body was in a Dumpster in downtown Columbia City. Officers from Columbia City spent the morning collecting evidence from the scene.

The coroner's office was called in to do an autopsy.

As of this morning, no arrests have been made.

Mary Rathbun

COLDWATER, Mich. — Mary L. (Deeds) Rathbun, 77, of Coldwater, Mich. died Thursday, April 14, 2005, at the Laurels of Coldwater.

Mrs. Rathbun was born Jan. 21, 1928, in Gilead Township, Mich. to Moses and Fern Deeds. She lived most of her life in the Coldwater area. On Dec. 10, 1944, she married Lyle W. Rathbun in Steuben County. He preceded her in death on Oct. 29, 1999.

She was a homemaker. She was also co-owner with her husband of Rathbun Nursery and a concession wagon, Travelin' Inn.

Her hobbies included playing cards, raising and caring for dogs, watching birds and cooking shows, playing on her computer, jigsaw and word puzzles, wintering in Florida and fishing.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Mary Rathbun of Tekonsha, Mich., Dale and Pam Rathbun of Tevares, Fla. and Duane and Cindy Rathbun of Coldwater; a sister, Clara Hillyer of Coldwater; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater, with the Rev. Mona Joslyn officiating. Calling will be today from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Condolences can be left online at www.dutcherfh.com

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Andrea Eguia

DECATUR — Andrea B. Eguia, 79, of Decatur died Saturday, April 16, 2005, at 4:45 a.m. at her home. She had been ill for the past five years.

Mrs. Eguia was a homemaker and a longtime resident of Decatur. She was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and the Sociedad Guadalupana.

She was born Feb. 4, 1926, in Harlingen, Texas, to Bernardo and Antonia (Cruz) Belmarez.

She married Adan C. Eguia in June 1945 in Rio Hondo, Texas. He died Aug. 25, 1987.

Surviving are six sons, Frank Eugia, Louis Eguia, Adam Eguia, Oscar Eguia and Fernando Eguia, all of Decatur, and David Eguia of Laredo, Texas; five daughters, Esther Eguia and Angel Ramos, both of Decatur, and Melinda Reyes, Gracielia Tellez and Anna Maria Eguia, all of Fort Wayne; 48 grandchildren; and 79 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Aaron Eguia and Devin Ybarra.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, following a prayer service at 9:15 a.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur. Father Bob Dombrowski will officiate. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at Decatur,

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, with a rosary service at 7 p.m. Additional calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Sociedad Guadalupana, 727 Schirmeyer St., Decatur.

Memorials are to the Sociedad Guadalupana or St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.zwickjahn.com.

Mary Duguid

COLDWATER, Mich. — Mary Pauline Duguid, 93, died Friday, April 15, 2005, at the Laurels of Coldwater, Coldwater, Mich.

On Dec. 6, 1911, she was born in Branch County, Mich., to James Henry and Katherine (Duttlinger) Duguid.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Fern Carr

AUBURN — Fern Mavis (Bailey) Carr, 89, of Auburn died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Carr was born Feb. 9. 1915. She was a school bus driver, school cook, factory worker and seamstress.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe and WELCA, and a member emeritus of the Ladies Literary Guild.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Nicholas and Darlene Carr of St. Joe; three daughters and two sons-in-law, R. Andrea (Carr) and Larry Barber of Bloomington, Melanie (Carr) Gafken of Hamilton and F. Renee (Carr) and Larry Collins of Waterloo; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey A. Carr; a brother, Russell; and a sister, Katherine.

Services will be Sunday at St. Joe Town Hall at noon. There will be a carry-in meal, and attendees should bring drinks and table service.

Those who plan to come to the service are asked to write down stories about Mrs. Carr to be included in a memory book the family is creating.

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Jack Sperry

FOSTORIA, Ohio — Jack Lee Sperry Sr., 66, of Fostoria, Ohio, died at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17, 2005, at his residence.

Mr. Sperry retired in 2003 as a master brick mason and worked for many contractors in the area. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served in the Korean War. He was a member of the Fostoria V.F.W., AMVETS, the American Legion in Bradner and the Moose Lodge.

On Aug. 7, 1938, in Portsmouth, Ohio, he was born to Forrest and Edna (Parker) Sperry. He married Dorothy Higgins in July 1960, in Rising Sun, Ohio, and they were divorced.

Surviving are two sons, Jack L. Sperry Jr. of Fostoria, and Micheal Williams of Kendallville; two daughters, Tammy Trapp of Fostoria and Cindy Shook of El Paso, Texas; a brother, Theodore Sperry of Bradner; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Edie Helms and Hailey and Tiny Crump, all of Fostoria, and Ramona and Arlan Youngblood of Michigan; four grandchildren, Megan Shook, Jacob Sperry, Bradion Trapp and Mique'la Mundy; a great-grandchild, Star Hern; and a companion, Gwendolyn Arlene Hill of Fostoria.

His parents preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Veterans Memorial Chapel at Fountain Cemetery, Fostoria, with Chaplain Jim Sampson officiating. A private family visitation was held. Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hffh.net.

Harrold-Floriana Funeral Home Inc., Fostoria, is in charge of arrangements.

Claude Husted

ANGOLA — Claude Husted, 96, of Angola died Sunday, April 17, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Husted was born Jan. 29, 1909, in Terre Haute to John and Bettie (Hendrickson) Husted. He was married to Florence Renner on Sept. 5, 1933, and she survives.

He was a high school math teacher for Bryan City Schools in Ohio for 43 years, retiring in 1975.

He was a member Hamilton United Methodist Church, Ohio Retired Teachers Association, Hamilton Lions, Masonic Lodge and Odd Fellows Lodge. He coached basketball for one year and served in the Peace Corps in Samoa from 1976-77. He enjoyed world traveling and camping in the Western United States.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Walter Wesley and Jo Ann Husted of Mount Vernon, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Claudette and Frank Herbert of Houston; three grandchildren, Vincent, Robert and John; three stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Selwyn and John Husted; and two sisters, Jane Turner and Rachel Bennet.

Services will be at 11 a.m. May 9 at Cameron Woods, Angola, with the Rev. Wayne C. Berkesch officiating and a luncheon for family and friends to follow.

Burial will be May 9 at 1:30 p.m. at Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to Hamilton Lions.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Maxine Kolb

ORLANDO, Fla. — Maxine E. Bateman Kolb, 88, of Orlando, Fla., died Friday, April 15, 2005, in Orlando.

Mrs. Kolb was born Jan. 10, 1917, in Peru. She married Joseph B. Kolb on Oct. 4, 1985, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 23, 2005.

She was a secretary for composer Cole Porter in Peru. She attended Angola United Methodist Church and was a member of Psi Iota Xi-Rho Chapter, Angola. She enjoyed playing duplicate bridge.

Surviving are a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, James E. and Evelyn Kolb of North Port, Fla.; two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Joan and Hubert Longest of Boca Grande, Fla. and W. Caroline and Don Wise of Cape Coral, Fla.; eight stepgrandchildren; and 17 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Dr. Richard Bateman; a stepgrandson, Bert Longest; and two stepgranddaughters, Linda Longest and Tina Kolb.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Kokomo Memorial Park Cemetery, Kokomo.

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Helen Buse

ANGOLA — Helen C. Buse, 90, of Angola died Monday, April 18, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Services are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Phyllis Myers

HUNTERTOWN — Phyllis Joan Myers, 73, of Huntertown died Monday morning, April 18, 2005. at her home.

She was born July 1, 1931, in Grabill to Ray and Mary (Smead) Meinerding. They preceded her in death.

She married Eli Myers Jr. on June 29, 1952, in Leo. He survives in Huntertown.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Larry and Mary Myers of Grabill, Dave and Mary Lou Myers of Huntertown, Randy Myers of Warsaw and Terry and Gyneth Myers of Auburn; a daughter, Betty Myers of Huntertown; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Raymond Meinerding of Fort Wayne and Gary Meinerding of New Haven; and a sister, Bonnie Johnson of Grabill.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Jean Lengacher.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Cuba Mennonite Church, 10835 Cuba Road, Harlan, with Pastor James Miller and Pastor Terry Myers officiating. Burial will be in Yaggy Cemetery at Grabill. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Cuba Mennonite School, 10835 Cuba Road, Harlan, IN 46743.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

Frank Beckwith

MASON, Texas — Frank L. Beckwith Jr., 84, of Mason, Texas, died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at the hospital in Fredricksburg, Texas.

Mr. Beckwith grew up on a farm in DeKalb County. He served in the Air Force at the end of World War II and was a farmer and an electrician.

He was born Nov. 13, 1920, in Huntington to Frank and Hazel (Knapp) Beckwith. They preceded him in death.

He married Della Smith in 1942 and they had five children. They later divorced and he married Ellen Demming, who preceded him in death. In 1980, Mr. Beckwith and his second wife moved to Mason, Texas.

He is survived by a son, Frank Beckwith III of Indianapolis; three daughters, Betty Kammerer of Kendallville, Dorothy Herendeen of Florida and Ruth of Florida; two brothers, Bill Beckwith of Kendallville and Jack Beckwith of Montpelier, Ohio; and two sisters, Donna Kimpel of Hicksville, Ohio, and Marilyn Obendorf of Montpelier, Ohio; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Darwin Beckwith and Tom Preston; a daughter, Beverly Murphy; and two sisters, Lillian Smith and Norma Clementz.

Services were Monday at the Mason Funeral Chapel. Burial was today at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

Loyal Allen

COLDWATER, Mich. — Loyal Warren Allen, 98, of Coldwater, Mich., died Saturday, April 16, 2005, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Mr. Allen was born Aug. 6, 1906, in Pleasant Lake to Isaac Clyde and Ida May (Ferris) Allen. He was married to Ruth M. Walsh on Jan. 16, 1926, in Hudson. She preceded him in death five weeks before their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 3, 1985.

He was a life member of the Teamsters Union, Fraternal Order of Eagles, AARP and the First Baptist Church of Coldwater. He was a farmer for 14 years until 1940. He then worked at Eaton Manufacturing in Marshall, Mich. for eight years, and then as a car hauler for Automobile Transport Inc. of Wayne, Mich. for 22 years, retiring in 1970.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bernard L. and Beverly and Daryl E. and Mary Jo Allen, all of Coldwater; a special friend, Doris M. Young; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Faye E. Ice, in 1994.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Gillespie Funeral Home in Coldwater, with the Rev. David Anderson officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church, Branch County Commission on Aging or Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility, all in Coldwater.

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Forest Hamman

BUTLER — Forest L. Hamman, 71, of Butler died Monday, April 18, 2005, at 3:05 p.m. in Parkview Nursing Center at Edgerton, Ohio.

Mr. Hamman was a radiological technologist in the U.S. Armed Forces and served in the U.S. Army.

He was a graduate of Butler High School in the Class of 1953. He attended the Carnegie Institute of Medical Technology and Indiana University, where he obtained his nuclear medical degree. He served his internship at Johnson County Memorial Hospital in Franklin. He entered the federal service with the Veterans Regional Office as a radiological technician. He also served as night supervisor of radiology at the General Hospital of Marion County, now known as Wishard Memorial Hospital, Indianapolis.

He entered the Armed Forces Entrance and Examination Station as a senior radiological technician and retired after that draft of recruits was lifted at the end of the Vietnam War in 1973 and a reduction in force was enacted. He retired from Fort Benjamin Harrison on March 14, 1973. He owned Truckers Haven in Stilesville and the Silver Moon Skating Rink at Hazelwood, both in Hendricks County, west of Indianapolis.

He ran for the office of Butler mayor in 1980 and served as a Wilmington Township precinct committeeman for six years.

He worked at the Butler Post Office for 3 1/2 years.

He was born Oct. 16, 1933, in Paulding, Ohio, to Forest A. and Jennie E. (Lehman) Hamman. They preceded him in death.

His wife, Janet L. Miller, died Feb. 18, 1995.

Surviving are a son, Jack Hamman of Fillmore; a sister, Susan Groff of Edgerton, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Daniel Eckart officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkview Nursing Center or the American Heart Association.

Richard Parks

AVILLA — Richard A. Parks, 62, died at 3:39 p.m. Monday, April 18, 2005, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home, Kendallville.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident.

On June 20, 1943, in Kendallville, he was born to Howard C. and Arlene (Wooster) Parks.

He worked at the Sheltered Workshop

Surviving are three sisters, Helen Fritz of Kendallville, and Jeanette Henney and Ellen Holliman, both of Woodburn; and two brothers, Donald and Forrest Parks, both of Avilla.

Two brothers, Gerald and Clifford Parks, a sister, Ruth Parks, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Rev. Dr. Leonard King and Pastor Bill Parks officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla.

Terpana Kachiamenis

FORT WAYNE — Terpana "Penny" Kachiamenis, 91, of Fort Wayne died Monday, April 18, 2005, at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and previously operated Ogie's Cafe with her husband, John, on the corner of Harmar Street and Washington Boulevard for 40 years. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church for more than 70 years.

Surviving are four daughters, Milka Nommay of Auburn, Virginia Beekman of Huntington, Helen Brockrath of Defiance, Ohio, and Diana McFadden of Fort Wayne; a brother, Vasil (Pat) Ognenoff of Cincinnati, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, John, in 1996, and a son, Boris.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with burial at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

Syracuse man dies when mo-ped hits tree

SYRACUSE — A Syracuse man died Sunday night after he drove his moped into a tree.

Joseph N. Oswald, 26, failed to obey an order to stop by Syracuse police at about 11:10 p.m. as he drove east on Kosciusko C.R. 1000N.

He went through the C.R. 800E intersection, went off the road and struck a tree, according to the Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department.

Oswald was pronounced dead at the scene with head injuries.

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Mary Duguid

COLDWATER, Mich. — Mary Pauline Duguid, 93, of Coldwater, Mich., died Friday, April 15, 2005, at The Laurels of Coldwater.

Mrs. Duguid

Miss Duguid was born Dec. 6, 1911, in Branch County, Mich. to James Henry and Katherine (Duttlinger) Duguid. She was a retired school teacher and attended First Presbyterian Church in Coldwater.

Surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Waterhouse Cemetery, Kinderhook Township, Branch County.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Lawrence Harris

MENTONE — Lawrence E. Harris, 69, of Mentone died Friday, April 15, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a South Bend native and a dairy farmer.

Surviving are his wife, Vera; three sons and their spouses Chuck and Karen Harris of Mentone, Dan and Dawn Harris of Auburn, and Keith and Janette Harris of Warsaw; four stepsons; 22 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the King Memorial Home in Mentone.

Memorials are to a charity of the donors' choice.

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Anna Woodard

AUBURN — Anna Lee Woodard, 83, formerly of Michigan, died Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Woodard had retired from the Hillsdale County Road Commission in Michigan, where she had been a bookkeeper for 20 years.

She was born Jan. 31, 1922, in Richland Township, Steuben County, to William E. and Arilla A. (VanZile) Carey. They preceded her in death.

She was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ, Edon, Ohio. In 1964 she joined the Mount Union Christian Union Church in Cooney, Ohio, and served as pianist for many years.

She began her education in a one-room school in Alvarado in southeastern Steuben County and graduated from Metz High School in 1940.

She married Olin G. Woodard of Montgomery, Mich., on Sept. 3, 1942. He died in 1999.

Mrs. Woodard and her husband joined the Austin Grange in 1951, later merging with the Bankers Grange and the Hillsdale Grange. They held many degrees within the Granges and became State Grange members. Mrs. Woodard served as the Grange pianist and W.A.C. Chairman and Lady Assistant Steward.

Her hobbies included sewing, music, crocheting, embroidery, needlepoint, reading and working with artificial flower arrangements.

Mrs. Woodard and her husband enjoyed fishing and traveling. In 1975 they sold their farm and moved to Hudson, Mich., and became members of the Thorn Hill Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Franklin and Joyce Woodard of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, LaMar and Naomi Carey of Fort Wayne and Marlin and Joyce Carey of Angola; a stepgrandson-in-law, Mark Burkhart; and four stepgreat-grandchildren, Anna, Elizabeth, Kimberly and Rachel.

She was preceded in death by a stepgranddaughter and a brother.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Mount Union Christian Union Church in Cooney, Ohio, with the Rev. James Carey officiating. Burial will be in Camden Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time at the George White Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Reading, Mich.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or the American Heart Association.

Helen Buse

ANGOLA — Helen Catherine Buse, 90, of Angola died Monday, April 18, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, where she had resided for almost a year. She had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Mrs. Buse

Mrs. Buse was born in Huntington on Dec. 26, 1914, to Louis A. and Elizabeth C. (Knoke) Hohe. She married Charles W. Buse in 1939, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 10, 2003.

She was a 1932 graduate of Ball State Teachers College. Upon graduation, she began teaching in Huntington. Her career continued at Angola High School, where she taught home economics and substituted in history. Her teaching career spanned more than 50 years. She retired in 1983.

She served on the Board of Trustees at the Carnegie Public Library for many years. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo and was a past president of the Psi Iota Xi sorority and the National Education Association.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon "Shar" and Dennis Croy of Angola; two brothers, Dr. William Hohe and Louis Hohe, both of Huntington; four grandchildren, Michael and Matt Brenner, both of Seattle, Shayne Black of Tampa, Fla. and Tiffany Bruce of Fremont; and two great-grandchildren, Taylor Brenner and Xavier Bruce.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy J. Flora.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday one hour before services.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Carnegie Public Library.

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Baby died of malnutrition

FORT WAYNE — A 9-month-old boy found in a trash bin in Columbia City Sunday died from malnutrition and dehydration caused by neglect.

The death of Timothy Burks, also known as Timothy Branstrator, was ruled a homicide Tuesday by Allen County Coroner Dr. E. Jon Brandenberger.

Burks' mother, Cynthia Branstrator of Fort Wayne, was arrested Sunday on a preliminary charge of moving a corpse from the scene of a suspicious death.

Branstrator reported her infant missing Sunday morning. She told police she had been to Headwaters Park with the child when she turned her back and then found him gone. She later told police her son had died and she had dumped his body in a commercial trash bin in Columbia City.

Branstrator last saw her son alive about 1 p.m. Friday when she fed him. He had been sick and unable to hold down food. She did not check on him again until 11 p.m. Saturday, according to court records.

A friend said Branstrator went out with friends on Thursday and Friday nights to celebrate her 21st birthday.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to add information.*

Lucille Hantz

HAMILTON — Lucille M. Hantz, 68, of Hamilton died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Hantz was born Aug. 27, 1936, in Defiance, Ohio to Walter C.F. and Laura (Liska) Donze. She grew up in Bryan, Ohio. She was married to Alfred Hantz on Jan. 1, 1955, and he preceded her in death on May 12, 1993.

She worked at Pittsfield Indiana in Hamilton for 30 years, retiring in 1999. She loved to go to casinos.

Surviving are a son, Roger Hantz of Hamilton; a daughter, Linda Grosch of Elkhart; a brother, Robert Donze of Bryan; three sisters, Margaret Taylor of Phoenix and Betty Lorentz and Barbara Donze, both of Bryan; four grandchildren, Rebecca, Ron and Shawn Hantz and Tonya Flores Reyes; six great-grandchildren; and her companion, Edwin Suntken of Hamilton.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Services were Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating.

Burial was in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Robert Boyd

BLOOMINGTON — Robert Lowell Boyd, 88, of Bloomington and formerly a resident, businessman and civic leader in Kokomo, died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2004, at home.

From 1980-86, Mr. Boyd lived at Lake James. He moved to Meadow Wood Retirement Community in Bloomington in 1998. He and his wife also maintained a condominium in Sea Grove Beach, Fla.

Services will be Saturday at First Christian Church, 854 N. Malfalfa Road, Kokomo, beginning with a Masonic service by Kokomo Masonic Lodge F & AM 93 at 10 a.m. At 11:30, services will be officiated by the Rev. Will Jewsbury and the Rev. Thomas E. Smith.

Calling will be from the end of the Masonic service Saturday until the next service at 11:30 a.m.

Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Kokomo, with military graveside rites performed by members of the U.S. Air Force and the Kokomo Military Rites Team.

Memorials are to First Christian Church, Hospice of Bloomington or the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are being handled by Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Kokomo.

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Earnie Cripe Jr.

LAGRANGE — Earnie Cripe Jr., 64, of LaGrange died at 8:25 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

On Aug. 13, 1940, in Columbia City, he was born to Earnie V. Sr. and Gladys (DeBolt) Cripe. He married Cheryl J. Carney on Aug. 11, 1963, in Ligonier. She survives.

He was a truck driver for Jayco Industries, and retired after nine years with the company.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Kendra Cripe of Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter, Karen Cripe of LaGrange; two brothers, Richard Cripe of Cromwell, and Terry Cripe of North Webster; a sister, Connie Smith of Ligonier; and two granddaughters, Wendi and McKenna Cripe.

In addition to his parents, a brother, Jack Cripe, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

William Darnell

FORT WAYNE — William J. "Bill" Darnell, 74, of Fort Wayne died Monday, April 18, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Darnell was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed fishing, sports and family outings.

He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 166 for 49 years and a member of American Legion Post 82. He loved his family, grandchildren and friends.

He was born Dec. 12, 1930, in Knox to Helen and Elmer Darnell.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Carolyn; two sons, Gary Darnell of Corunna and Mark Darnell of Pleasant Lake; two grandchildren, Laura Darnell Buell and Benjamin Darnell; and a brother, Gerald Darnell of Oregon.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Carol Hiatt and Alice Joan Carpenter.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by American Legion Post 82.

Calling will be at the funeral home Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

Donald Klejnot

FORT WAYNE — Donald L. Klejnot, 63, of Fort Wayne died Friday, April 15, 2005, at home.

Mr. Klejnot was born in Fort Wayne to Leo and Mary E. (Buhr) Klejnot. He was a U.S. Marine from 1959-63. He loved fishing and baseball.

Surviving are a daughter, Kari K. Klejnot of Sunrise, Fla.; two sons, Donald Klejnot of Granger and Tim A. Klejnot of Clearwater, Fla.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Tina and Bruce Etter of Angola and Cass and Jim Stewart and Mary Wise, all of Naples, Fla.; six grandchildren; a niece and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, James Klejnot.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Friday one hour before services.

Burial will be in Marion VA Cemetery.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne Veterans Hospital.

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Jean Hamman

WATERLOO — Jean A. Hamman, 90, died Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Hamman was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Christian Center at Waterloo and the Smithfield Home Demonstration Club.

She was born Dec. 1, 1914, in Xenia, Ohio, to Burt Forest and Mable (Files) Whittington.

She married Noah R. Hamman on April 1, 1934. He died Jan. 9, 2002.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel Forest Hamman of LaGrange, Ga., and John David Hamman of Tempe, Ariz.; two daughters, Marianne Mathews and Linda Jean Groen, both of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister, Joan Ramsey of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center.

Mark Petit

LAGRANGE — Mark "Ricky" Geoffrey Petit, 58, of LaGrange died Monday, April 18, 2005, at his Royer Lake home. He was an outdoorsman, and loved fly fishing, camping and his home.

In earlier years he played rugby with the Fort Wayne Rugby Club, and loved horse racing. He was an excellent handicapper and shared his opinions freely among his fellow players. He valued good friends, fine bourbon and generosity to those less fortunate than himself.

Surviving are three brothers, Steven, Martin and David; two sisters, Barbara and Virginia; and eight nieces and nephews.

His parents, Vincent and Dorothy, preceded him in death.

A memorial celebration will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at his home.

Memorials are to Acres Land Trust Inc.

The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

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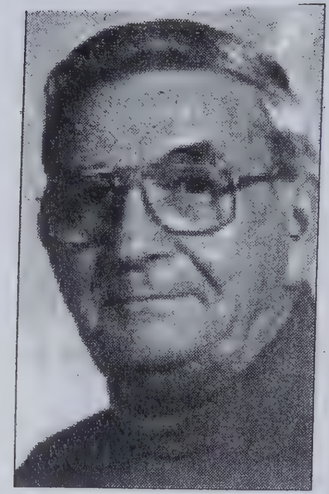


Everett Speaker, Jr., 76

KIMMELL — Everett Speaker Jr., 76, of rural Kimmell died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at his residence.

He was a retired Group Dekko plant manager.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident and attended Wolf Lake Baptist Church. He was a member of the Albion American Legion Post and the 40 & 8 Club.

In Noble County on May 30, 1928, he was born to Everett and Mildred (Wills) Speaker. On Jan. 15, 1966, in Kimmell, he married Jean A. Maloney. She survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Everett J. Speaker of Columbia City; a stepson and his wife, Brian L. and Sherry Merriman of Belton, S.C.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Loucinda L. Hummer of Ludington, Mich., and Alyce and Frank Kula of Free Soil, Mich.; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Beth and Joey Stewart of Belton, S.C., and Brenda L. and Alan Johnston of Williamston, S.C.; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Allen Mogg of Lake View, Ark.; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a brother, Thomas Speaker, preceded him in death.

A graveside service was held Saturday, April 16, 2005, in Sparta Cemetery, Noble County, with the Rev. Dan Carlson, officiating.

Memorials are Parkview Noble Hospice or COPD Lung Association.

Richard Parks, 62

AVILLA — Richard A. Parks, 62, died at 3:39 p.m. Monday, April 18, 2005, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home, Kendallville.

On June 20, 1943, in Kendallville, he was born to Howard C. and Arlene (Wooster) Parks. He was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He worked at the Sheltered Workshop.

He is survived by three sisters, Helen Fritz of Kendallville, and Jeanette Henney and Ellen Holliman, both of Woodburn, and two brothers, Donald and Forrest Parks, both of Avilla.

Two brothers, Gerald and Clifford Parks, a sister, Ruth Parks, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services were held Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Rev. Dr. Leonard King and Pastor Bill Parks officiating. Burial was in Avilla Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

The family of Bert Ott

Would like to thank everyone who came to visit, called, brought food, sent flowers or prayed for us at this difficult time.

Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated

Neva Spangler, 78

NORFOLK, Va. — Neva (Kessie) Spangler, 78, of Norfolk died Saturday, April 2, 2005, at Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk.

She attended Fellowship Baptist Church in Norfolk.

Mrs. Spangler was born Jan. 5, 1927, in Whitley County, Ind., to William and Wilda (Grable) Kessie. On Aug. 25, 1946, in Whitley County at Troy Presbyterian Church, she married Leo Greider, who preceded her in death in 1990. On June 6, 1999, she married Powell Spangler at the church. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Gary Earnhart of Goshen; Nancy and Verne Cook of Bunker Hill, Ind.; Cindy and Bill Keirn of Columbia City; Sharon and Ken Cripe of Wawaka; and Angie and Chris Kidd of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Anita Greider of Churubusco; two stepchildren, Aubrey Spangler and Linda Wells; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Beulah Kessie, Fritz and Joyce Kessie and Dick and Carolyn Kessie, all of Columbia City, and Bill and Audrey Kessie of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Her parents, four brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Memorial services were held Sunday, April 17, 2005, at Troy Presbyterian Church in Columbia City with the Rev. Dr. Joseph Smith officiating.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, or the American Cancer Society.

Oscar Landez, 58

AVILLA — Oscar J. Landez, 58, formerly of Dallas, Texas, died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Landez was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, serving from 1967-1970. He received various service medals including the Vietnam Service Medal with a Bronze Service Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm Leaf, Combat Infantryman Badge and the Army Condemnation Medal with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster.

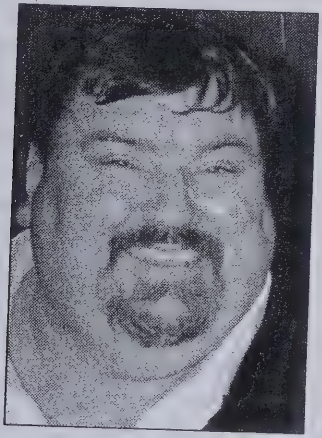
On Jan. 8, 1947, in Pharr, Texas, he was born to Bartolo and Andrea (Garza) Landez.

Surviving are a son, Orlando Landez of Longview, Texas, a daughter and son-in-law, Andrea Jane Landez-Smedley and William Smedley of Pittsburgh, Texas; two granddaughters, Shyanna Jewel Durham and Maliza Sammon Smedley, both of Pittsburgh, Texas; his ex-wife, Yolanda Hock of Gladewater, Texas; stepmother, Vermadean Landez f Kendallville; three sisters nd two brothers-in-law, olanda and Barton Merriman of Rome City, sther Fischer of Avilla, and onnie and Jeff Teeple of aOtto; four brothers and a ster-in-law, Bartholomew Landez, Bart A. Landez, e Landez and Felix and ephanie Landez, all of ndallville; three nieces d two spouses, Dawn and David Hodges of Knobnoster, Mo., Sonja and Mark Hollis of Avilla, and Felicia Landez of Kendallville; several nephews and five spouses, Shawn and Joy Landez of Fort Wayne, Tony and Jessica Landez of Noblesville, Donnie and Tracee Fischer of Kendallville, Bernard Fischer of Avilla, Jeff and Nicole Teeple of Kendallville, Adam, Alex, Andrew and Austin Mapes, all of Ashley, Marcellino Merriman of South Bend, Joshua and Jennifer Landez of LaGrange, Nicholas, Michael and Zach Landez of Kendallville, and Dustin Garrison, no address listed.

Preceding him in death were a nephew, Christopher Lee Landez, in 1976; a brother, Barry S. Landez, in 1990; his father in 1998; and two nieces and a nephew, Debra Teeple Sprau, Destiny Ryan Sprau and Skylar Zane, all in 2004.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday, April 16, 2005, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Dan Durkin officiating. Burial was at the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Leo Tackett, 58



LIGONIER — Leo Tackett, 58, of Ligonier died Monday, April 11, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Tackett was a lifetime resident of the Warsaw, Kimmell and Ligonier areas. He had attended schools in Warsaw and Ohio. He had been employed at the Blue Fin Boat Co. in New Paris and most recently at Freudenburg-NOK in Ligonier as an inspector.

Mr. Tackett enjoyed fishing, gardening, mowing, playing bingo and poker and operating radio-controlled cars.

He was born Nov. 25, 1946, in Warsaw to Andrew David and Addie (Blanton) Tackett. On Feb. 28, 1986, in Noble County, he married Pamela Marie Fry. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Joshua Adam and Trisha Tackett and Dennis Deaton, all of Pierceton; a daughter and son-in-law, Heidi C. and Kenneth Noe Jr. of Albion; six sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mandy Clabaugh of Huntington, Fay Brunner of Palestine, Ind., Polly and Monroe Allen of Packerton, Ind., and Kathleen and James Griffith, and Geraldine Blair and Carol Griffith, all of Warsaw; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Hargus and Evelyn Tackett of Warsaw, Frank and Beverly Tackett of South Whitley, and Ray Tackett of Ottway, Ohio; and six grandchildren, Karmen Noe, Alex Noe, Zachary Noe, Brianna Tackett, Bailea Tackett and Tauren Tackett.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jamie Leo Tackett; and five brothers and sisters, Pauline, Charlie and Harkless Tackett, Martha Shepherd and Myrtle Heeter.

Services were held Friday, April 15, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Chad Burkhart of Victory Christian Church in Warsaw officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Crash kills man

Victim is from LaGrange

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HUDSON — A LaGrange man died Wednesday in an automobile accident near Hudson, police reported.

Robert Rasler, 23, died as a result of blunt force trauma to the head and neck area, Steuben County Sheriff's Department Deputy Rich McCarty said. Rasler was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from his vehicle.

McCarty's report said at about 6:10 p.m., Rasler was driving a 1995 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup truck eastbound on S.R. 4 west of C.R. 800W when, for unknown reasons, he crossed the center line and drove off the north side of the roadway. Rasler's vehicle struck a tree and rolled, McCarty said.

Rasler was transported from the accident scene to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Assisting at the accident scene were officers from the Steuben County Sheriff's Department, Ashley and Hudson police departments, Indiana State Police, Steuben County Emergency Medical Services, Salem Township Fire Department and the Steuben County Coroner's Office.

Elizabeth Sack

ANGOLA — Elizabeth C. Sack of Angola died Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sack was born in Coleman, Mich., to John and Rose (Elvin) Kelly. She was married to Lawrence Sack on March 6, 1942, and he preceded her in death in 1989.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, and a former member of the Angola Women of the Moose. She worked in the cafeteria at Hendry Park Elementary School for 10 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Cheryl Bitzer and Lynn Thomas, both of Angola; a sister, Marion Johnson of Grand Blanc, Mich.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Jack Kelly; and two sisters, Rhea O'Hara and Helen Kelly.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church.

Esther Sleek

GARRETT — Esther Lucille Sleek, 92, died Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

A lifelong DeKalb County resident, Mrs. Sleek was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

She was born Feb. 7, 1913, in Altona to Justie J. and Altha V. (Bherns) Snyder.

On June 22, 1930, in Auburn, she married Clarence Dale Sleek. He died in 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Carol Sleek of Altona; a daughter and son-in-law, Sonia and Tom Angel of Atlanta, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Mabel Snyder of Garrett; two granddaughters, Doris Jarnagin and her husband, Gary, of Fort Wayne, and Bonnie Sue Bunn of Atlanta, Ga.; four grandsons, Robert W. Sleek Jr. of Kokomo, Bryan Sleek of Garrett, and Patrick Angel and his wife, Julie, and David Angel and his wife, Kathy, all of Detroit; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Clarence Dean Sleek and William Thomas Sleek; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Ellen Sleek; and a grandson, Steven Angel.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Jim Lilley officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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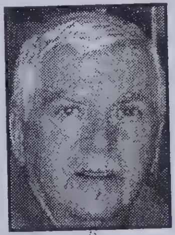
Larry Ritchie

KENDALLVILLE — Larry D. Ritchie, 55, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Wednesday, April 20, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital.


Mr. Ritchie

Mr. Ritchie had been the plant manager at Group Dekko for 25 years and was currently general manager of Team Quality Services in Auburn.

He was a member of the first class to graduate from East Noble High School in 1967.

Mr. Ritchie was born May 26, 1949, in Hindman, Ky., to Armond and June (Campbell) Ritchie. On Feb. 24, 2001, in Leo, he married Sheyrl W. Hamman. She survives.

Also surviving are his father and stepmother, Armond and Edna Ritchie of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Nila Ritchie of Ligonier, Brian and Robin Ritchie and Chad and Kendra Ritchie, all of Kendallville; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Cathy Ritchie of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Brent and Betty Ritchie of Battle Creek, Mich., Terry and Patty Ritchie of Austin, Texas, and Kenny and Keila Ritchie of Rome City; a sister and brother-in-law, Junie and Eddie Slone of Kendallville; four grandsons, Jordan Ritchie, Nicholas Ritchie, Joshua Ritchie and Owen Ritchie; and a granddaughter, Kaylin Ritchie.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1986.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Gary Reiber of Union Chapel Church in Fort Wayne officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Friday.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Beverly Proehl

PLAINFIELD — Former Angola resident Beverly L. Proehl, 73, of Plainfield died Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at Hendricks Regional Health Care in Danville.

Mrs. Proehl was born in Angola on March 24, 1932, to Arnold and Ruby (Walters) Musser. She was married to the Rev. Marcus "Bill" Proehl, who survives.

She was a minister in the Pentecostal Church of God of America in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Marcus A. Proehl of Mooresville; a daughter, Debra Prock of Danville; three brothers, Larry, Jerry and Garry Musser, all of Angola; four sisters, Ilif Bruns and Gloria Clark, both of Fort Wayne, Charlene Bachelor of Indianapolis and Gwyn Case of Punta Gorda, Fla.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Steven Proehl; a brother, Norris Musser; and a sister, Yvonne Schaffter.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Temple Church, Angola. Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Calvary Temple.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Clyde Wilson

HOWE — Clyde A. Wilson, 75, of Howe and formerly of Elkhart died at 11:06 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mr. Wilson had owned and operated Wilson's Standard for 28 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a member of U.C.T. He loved nature, bird watching, walking in the woods and being around people. He was proud of his Indian heritage.

Mr. Wilson was born May 19, 1929, in LaGrange to James Blaine and Alice Ellen (Gray) Wilson. On July 20, 1968, in Elkhart, he married M. Mardell (Worstell) Zinkie. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Bradd A. Wilson and Mark B. Wilson, both of South Bend, Daniel M. and Nancy Zinkie of Elkhart and David M. Zinkie of Howe; two daughters and sons-in-law, Belinda M. and Billy Williams of Gainesville, Ga., and Nancy E. and Daniel Zinkie of Elkhart; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul R. and Anita Wilson of Wolcottville; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Wilson in 1950; a great-grandson, Nicholas Nelson; and a sister, Shirley A. Wilson.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home with the Rev. Munson Steed officiating.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday and from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Joan Diggins

LAGRANGE — Joan A. Diggins, 82, of LaGrange died Monday, April 18, 2005, at Sunrise Senior Living in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Diggins had worked in the LaGrange County Clerk's Office and at Caton & Frurip Funeral Home and Furniture Store. In 1970 she purchased the LaGrange Title and Abstract company and operated it until retiring in 1989.

She was the past president of Tri Kappa Sorority and a former board member of the LaGrange County Parks Department.

Mrs. Diggins was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was born March 25, 1923, in LaGrange to John P. and Rachael (Kenyon) Caton. On March 11, 1945, she married Donald R. Diggins. He died Jan. 30, 2003.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and E.J. Walter of Anderson, S.C., Elaine and Terry Flynn of Moab, Utah, Jan and Wilbur Montgomery of Indianapolis and Cathy and James McKinley of New Palestine, Ind.; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with a Tri-Kappa service at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the Indiana Chapter ALS Association, 1980 E. 116th, Suite 105, Carmel, IN 46032.

Everett Speaker Jr.

Everett Speaker Jr., 76, of rural Kimmell died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at his residence.

He was a retired Group Dekko plant manager.

Mr. Speaker

He was a lifetime Noble County resident and attended Wolf Lake Baptist Church. He was a member of the Albion American Legion Post and the 40 & 8 Club.

In Noble County on May 30, 1928, he was born to Everett and Mildred (Wills) Speaker. On Jan. 15, 1966, in Kimmell, he married Jean A. Maloney. She survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Everett J. Speaker of Columbia City; a stepson and his wife, Brian L. and Sherry Merriman of Belton, S.C.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Loucinda L. Hummer of Ludington, Mich., and Alyce and Frank Kula of Free Soil, Mich.; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Beth and Joey Stewart of Belton, S.C., and Brenda L. and Alan Johnston of Williamston, S.C.; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Allen Mogg of Lake View, Ark.; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a brother, Thomas Speaker, preceded him in death.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, April 16 in Sparta Cemetery, rural Noble County, with the Rev. Dan Carlson, officiating.

Memorials are Parkview Noble Hospice or COPD Lung Association.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Earnie Cripe Jr.

Earnie Cripe Jr., 64, of LaGrange died at 8:25 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

On Aug. 13, 1940, in Columbia City, he was born to Earnie V. Sr. and Gladys (DeBolt) Cripe. He married Cheryl J. Carney on Aug. 11, 1963, in Ligonier. She survives.

He was a truck driver for Jayco Industries, and retired after nine years with the company.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Kendra Cripe of Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter, Karen Cripe of LaGrange; two brothers, Richard Cripe of Cromwell, and Terry Cripe of North Webster; a sister, Connie Smith of Ligonier; and two granddaughters, Wendi and McKenna Cripe.

In addition to his parents, a brother, Jack Cripe, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 22 at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, April 21 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Annalee Barrett

MUNCIE — Annalee Deal Wagoner Barrett, 85, Muncie, died Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at the Waters of Yorktown. She had been in failing health for the past year.

Mrs. Barrett

She was born on a farm built by her father and grandfather in Mt. Pisgah, LaGrange County, on Nov. 27, 1919, to Guy and Beulah (Cording) Deal. Her family later moved to Kendallville, where she grew up and graduated from high school.

After her marriage to John Wagoner, she moved to South Bend and then Mishawaka and Muncie. John Wagoner died of cancer in 1956.

She subsequently became an employee of Indiana Bell until her retirement in 1982.

She married Kenneth Barrett in 1962. He died in 2001.

Mrs. Barrett was very active in Phi Beta Psi Sorority and held several national offices. She was also active in the Cancer Service of Delaware County-Little Red Door, and served on its board until her death. She was a member of High Street United Methodist Church, The Pioneers/SBC retirees, and the YWCA. After their retirement, Annalee and Kenneth traveled extensively.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jeannine Ann Wagoner and Gayle Harrold of Muncie and Jalna Lee Wagoner and Al Bednar of Las Vegas, Nev.; a son and daughter-in-law, John Deal and Marilyn Wagoner of Knoxville, Tenn.; six grandchildren; two sisters-in-law; five nieces and four nephews.

Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory with Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Elm Ridge Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today or after 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the mortuary.

Memorials are to High Street United Methodist Church, 219 S. High St., Muncie, IN 47305 or to Cancer Service of Delaware County-Little Red Door, 401 W. Jackson St., Muncie, IN 47305.

Online condolences to the family may be directed to www.meeksmortuary.com.

Jean Ormiston

ANGOLA — Jean Ormiston, 79, of Angola died Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Ormiston was born Jan. 7, 1926, in Fort Wayne to Clyde R. and Myrtle P. (Morrison) Siples. She married Edward Ormiston Jr. on July 28, 1944, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 28, 1995. She was a charter member of the Steuben County Woman's Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Sandy Parent and Myra Kline, both of Angola; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Monday from noon to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

William Bolin

ANGOLA — William F. Bolin, 74, of Angola died Thursday, April 21, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bolin was born April 15, 1931, in Allen Park, Mich., to Furm and Loretta (Narcter) Bolin. He was married to Marie Nucci on March 25, 1955, and she survives.

He was a major in the U.S. Air Force, serving in the Korean War.

He worked for Steuben Printing Co. and taught accounting at Tri-State University. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, Knights of Columbus, Angola Lions and Angola American Legion Post No. 31. He was a Tri-State University graduate.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Chris Bolin of Indianapolis and Jeff and Migdelia Bolin of Carmel; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Dan Eyster and Cathy and Barney Bryan, all of Angola; two brothers, F. James Bolin of LaGrange and Mike Bolin of Austin, Texas; three sisters, Ruth Mead of Elkhart, Nancy Fuller of Auburn and Mary Bir of Kalamazoo, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Society.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided to this newspaper.*

Larry Ritchie

KENDALLVILLE — Larry D. Ritchie, 55, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Wednesday, April 20, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Ritchie

Mr. Ritchie had been the plant manager at Group Dekko for 25 years and was currently general manager of Team Quality Services in Auburn.

He was a member of the first class to graduate from East Noble High School in 1967.

Mr. Ritchie was born May 26, 1949, in Hindman, Ky., to Armond and June (Campbell) Ritchie. On Feb. 24, 2001, in Leo he married Sheyrl W. Hamman. She survives.

Also surviving are his father and stepmother, Armond and Edna Ritchie of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Nila Ritchie of Ligoneir, Brian and Robin Ritchie and Chad and Kendra Ritchie, all of Kendallville; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Cathy Ritchie of Bellfountain, Ohio, Brent and Betty Ritchie of Battle Creek, Mich., Terry and Patty Ritchie of Austin, Texas, and Kenny and Keila Ritchie of Rome City; a sister and brother-in-law, Junie and Eddie Slone of Kendallville; three grandsons, Nicholas Ritchie, Joshua Ritchie and Owen Ritchie; and two granddaughters, Kaylin Ritchie and Jordan Ritchie.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1986.

Gordon Hambrook

SALINAS, Calif. — Gordon Hambrook, 41, of Salias, Calif., died Saturday, April 16, 2005, in Carmel, Calif., at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

Mr. Hambrook was born on Aug. 7, 1963. He had lived in Angola.

Surviving are his wife, Stacy Stukey Hambrook of Angola; a daughter, Gretta Hambrook of Angola; his mother, Beverly Hambrook of Salinas; two sisters, Laura and Victoria Hambrook, both of Salinas; his stepmother, Renate Hambrook of Monterey, Calif.; and his grandmother, Marjorie Hambrook of Monterey.

He was preceded in death by his father, Phllip Hambrook, in 2000.

Private services were held in California.

Arrangements were by Paul Mortuary, Pacific Grove, Monterey.

Daniel Mase

BRONSON, Mich. — Daniel Mase, 52, of Bronson, Mich., died Thursday, April 21, 2005, in Bronson.

Mr. Mase was born April 10, 1953.

Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Gary Reiber of Union Chapel Church in Fort Wayne officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services today.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

James McKeever

LAOTTO — James L. McKeever, 64, of LaOtto died Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at 11:15 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. McKeever

He worked in the shipping department at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 38 years.

He was a truck driver for numerous people and helped his son-in-law, Lon Fritz, in farming. He resided in LaOtto for the past 35 years.

Mr. McKeever attended Wesley Chapel Church in Churubusco and LaOtto Wesleyan Church in LaOtto.

Born March 13, 1941, in New Haven, he was the son of Beach and Margaret (Habig) McKeever. They preceded him in death.

On March 21, 1959, in Garrett, he married Betty L. Hollinger. She survives in LaOtto.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Lon Fritz of LaOtto, and Melody and Claude "Junior" Combs of Garrett; a grandson, Rudy Combs of Garrett; two granddaughters, Jamie Wallace and her husband, Ryan, of Auburn, and Mandy Fritz of LaOtto; a great-granddaughter, Madison Wallace of Auburn; and a brother, Harold Barhydt of Detroit.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Larry Smith of Wesley Chapel in Churubusco officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wesley Chapel or LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Nathan Grill

MARATHON, Fla. — Nathan Wayne Grill, 32, of Marathon, Fla., died Friday, April 15, 2005, in Broward County, Fla., as the result of an automobile accident.

Mr. Grill was born May 20, 1972, in Defiance, Ohio. He had resided in the Florida Keys for the past 21 years.

He graduated from Marathon High School and attended Santa Fe Community College. He was a foreman for Grill Construction.

He was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in DeKalb County. He lived life to the fullest and excelled in fishing, hunting and all sports.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Jonathan Grill and Debra Grill, of Duck Key, Fla.; his mother and stepfather, Tamra and Craig MacElveen of Webster, Texas; his fiancee, Lisi Cordova, and her son, Brittain Brabham, of Marathon, Fla.; a brother, Skyy Walker of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Amy Grill and Brianna MacElveen, both of Webster; a niece, Natalie Grill of Webster; his grandparents, Gerald and Joan Grill of Waterloo, and stepgrandparents, Vernon and Lillian Meyer of Defiance, Ohio; uncles Thomas Grill of Oxford, Conn., and Steven Grill of Hamilton; aunts and uncles Becky and Tim Cook of Hamilton, Johnny Duykers of Phoenix, Joyce and Mike Fronk of Defiance, Ohio, Karen and John Helmke of Defiance and Elaine and Jerry Talbert of Ney, Ohio; and many cousins including Paul and William Cook, Eric and Ann Grill, Dan Grill and Emily Grill Surowitz, Matt and Jenny Front, Ryan, Kyle and Amber Helmke, and Tyler and Dakota Talbert.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jerry and Ruth Duykers of Crown Point.

Services were Wednesday in Marathon, Fla.

Graveside services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ or a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling local arrangements.

Robbie Rasler

LAGRANGE — Robbie D. Rasler, 23, of LaGrange died at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at Cameron Hospital in Angola as the result of injuries in an automobile accident.

Mr. Rasler was a United States Marine Corps Reservist and assistant wrestling coach at Prairie Heights High School.

He was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and worked at Redman Homes.

Mr. Rasler was a member of American Legion Post 31 in Angola.

He was born April 14, 1982, in Kendallville to Charles D. and Barbara (Gerbers) Rasler. They survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a sister, Autumn Lynn Rasler of LaGrange; a brother, Charles Rasler of LaGrange; and his paternal grandparents, Charles and Hilda Rasler of LaGrange.

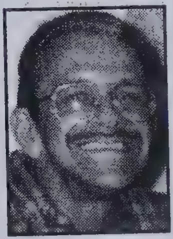
Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Robert Rasler Scholarship Fund at Prairie Heights School Corp., 0305 S. C.R. 1150E, LaGrange, IN 46761.

Condolences may be sent online to www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

David Flotte


Mr. Flotte

MIDDLEBURY — David B. Flotte, 54, of Middlebury died at 11:50 a.m. Thursday, April 21, 2005, at home after an extended illness.

Mr. Flotte was co-owner and maintenance manager at Genesis Products in Elkhart for 4 1/2 years. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a member of the Brownstown, Mich., Jaycees. He was a gun enthusiast and loved searching for old coins with his metal detector and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Jan. 29, 1951, in Trenton, Mich., to Ernest H. and Evelyn M. (Patterson) Flotte.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Derek D. and Jennifer Flotte of Constantine, Mich.; three grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Joan Gurka of South Gate, Mich., Patricia and James Riggs of Adrian, Mich., and Sandra and Ron Baker of Carleton, Mich.; and four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Ernest E. and Carol Flotte of Allen Park, Mich., Robert J. Flotte of Alamogordo, N.M., Gilbert and Frances Flotte of Brownstown and William P. and Debra Flotte of Flat Rock, Mich.

He was preceded in death by a son, Joseph Flotte, and three brothers, Ronald Flotte, Michael Flotte and Henry Flotte.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. The Rev. Gordon Henke will officiate. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Goshen General Hospital.

Kenneth Crittenden

ORLAND — Kenneth D. Crittenden Sr., 74, of Orland died Thursday, April 21, 2005, at his daughter's home in Westlake, Ohio.

Before retiring in 1989, Mr. Crittenden was a supervisor at Chrysler Corp. for 34 years. He was a member of Coldwater Church of Christ, the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine Temple in Ohio. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born Jan. 27, 1931, in Florence, Ala., to Robert E. and Elvie Irene (Whitten) Crittenden. He married Della Frisch on Feb. 5, 1949. She preceded him in death on April 5, 2004.

He is survived by two sons, Kenneth D. Crittenden Jr. of White House, Ohio, and Dr. Robert Crittenden of Avon Lake, Ohio; two daughters, Deborah Temple of Angola and Brenda Rene Bauman of Westlake, Ohio; a brother, Earl Crittenden of Jacksonville, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Minister Dean Clutter will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Daniel Mase

Mr. Mase

BRONSON, Mich. — Daniel L. "Danny" Mase, 52, of Bronson died Thursday, April 21, 2005, in Bronson.

Mr. Mase formerly worked at Fry Copy Systems in Sturgis, Mich., for 20 years. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 423 in Orland and was a fan of the Detroit Lions, the Pistons and the University of Notre Dame. He loved his grandchildren and family.

He was born April 10, 1953, in Sturgis to Andrew and Kathryn A. (Walker) Mase. He graduated from Bronson High School in 1971. He married Vicky L. Wooster on June 16, 1973, in Orland. She survives.

He is also survived by his mother, Kathryn A. Mase of Orland; two daughters, Danyelle Mase and Melissa Mase, both of Bronson; a son, Matthew Mase of Bronson; two grandchildren, Taylor Hessler and Kaylee Hessler, both of Bronson; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Joyce and Melvin Shelburne of Orland and Barbara and Larry Alleshouse of Penrose, Colo.; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Mary Mase of Pleasant Lake and Andrew and Barbara Mase Jr. of Orland.

He was preceded in death by his father, Andrew D. Mase Sr., on Jan. 28.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. Pastor Randy Marshall will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to an endowment fund for Danyelle Mase or donor's choice.

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Jenean Slabach

SHIPSHEWANA — Jenean Kay Slabach, 7, of Shipshewana died the afternoon of Friday, April 22, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a two-day illness with spinal meningitis.

She was a kindergartner at Meadow View Elementary in Topeka.

She was born Feb. 4, 1998, in Topeka to DeVon and Irene (Miller) Slabach. They survive.

Also surviving are grandparents, Emanuel E. and Clara Miller of LaGrange and Freeman Jay and Edna Slabach of Shipshewana; a great-grandmother, Elizabeth Frey of Topeka; a sister, Joan Renae Slabach at home; and two brothers, Nathan Wayne Slabach and Freeman Jay Slabach, both at home.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Floyd Lehman residence, 9095 W. C.R. 050N, Shipshewana. The Rev. Ervin Chupp, Bishop Marlin Frey and the Rev. Orva Miller of the Old Order Amish Church will officiate. Burial will be in Yoder Corner Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family residence, 0600 N. C.R. 900W, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Florence Tuggle

LAOTTO — Florence Ann "Nanny" Tuggle, 84, of LaOtto died at 7:40 a.m. Friday, April 22, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed crossword and word search books.

She was born May 10, 1920, in Bristol, Va., to Lem and Loueller (Hunt) Tuggle. She moved to the area from Chicago in 1975.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Lem and Karen Buettgen of rural LaOtto, Steven Price of Albion and Jack and Wilda Price of West Virginia; a daughter, Geneva Richards of Albion; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five sisters, Lena Belle Hess, Lola Dixon, Jesse Mae Adams, Floriene Tuell and Sarah Elizabeth Hess.

She was preceded in death by three sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. The Rev. Larry Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery in rural LaOtto.

Calling will be 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Florence Ball

ASHLEY — Florence M. Ball, 99, of Ashley died Friday, April 22, 2005, at Kendallville Manor Health Care.

She was employed several years with Keenan Hotel System and at Central Grocery in Fort Wayne. She moved to Indianapolis in 1937 and served as an interviewer and labor analyst for 10 years with the Indiana Department of Employment Services. She was also employed with the U.S. Air Force in Orlando, Fla., and worked for the Veterans Administration in Kentucky.

She served as a foster grandparent for 11 years and was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Gov. Carroll in 1979.

She was the great-granddaughter of Gideon Ball, who was a pioneer settler of the Ball Lake area.

She was born Jan. 30, 1906, in Hudson, to Claude and Estella (Clark) Ball. She graduated from high school and art school in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by cousins.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Fred A. Ball, in 1979.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson. The Rev. Craig Burkholder will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

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Thomas Mock

JACKSON, Mich. — Thomas Scott Mock, 53, of Jackson died Thursday, April 21, 2005, at home.

Mr. Mock was the owner of Mock's Auto in Michigan Center, Mich.

He was born March 30, 1952, in Jackson to Bob and Clarice Mock. He married Marla Wilson 17 years ago in Jackson. She survives.

He is also survived by a son, Robbie Mock of Jackson; three daughters, Kim Mock, Sandy Mock and Nickie Mock, all of Jackson; a stepdaughter, Brandy Wilson of Jackson; 10 grandchildren; his parents, Bob and Clarice Mock of Corunna; a half-brother, Jerry Worden of Corunna; and two sisters, Susanne Tingley and Carrie Mock, both of Battle Creek, Mich.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gregory Mock.

Services will be 1 p.m. Michigan time Monday at Burden's Funeral Home in Jackson. Burial will be at noon Tuesday at Eddy Cemetery in Hamilton, with a dinner following at the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Michigan time Saturday and Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday at the funeral home.

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KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Kathleen Steckley** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Church United Methodist with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Nathan Coffield, Philip Coffield, Gregory Dykstra, Thomas Dykstra, Grant Kuhn, Matthew Musk, Byron Powell and Steve Powell. Honorary pallbearers were Tom Alberts, Rex Coffield, Merritt Diggins, Damon Handshoe, Paul Hougland and Robert Ulch. Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Bob Rider** were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Dale Henderson officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jeff Durbin, Brent Durbin, Dane Rider, Chad Prince and David Lotter. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

AVILLA — Services for **Oscar Landez** were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Dan Durkin officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers were Donnie Fisher, Bernie Fisher, Mark Hollis, Andrew Mapes, Alex Mapes and Shawn Landez. Hite Funeral was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Richard H. Gibbons** were held Saturday, April 16, at 2 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Gene Flickinger officiating. Burial will be in New York.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Dorothy Mossman** were held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 15, at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Mike McKinney officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers were Milo Mossman, Marshall Mossman, Zachary Mossman, Jason Gromaski, John Yerick and Dean Domer. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Dale Eshelman** were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Faith United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were John Williamson, Tom Nott, Ryan Nott, Matt Beerbower, Kerry Nott and Jon Tarney. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Eugene M. Freeland** were held at 10 a.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with the Rev. Russell Hepler officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers were Kenny Ritchie, Boyd Ritchie, Billy Joe Freeland, Douglas Gillespie, Tom Landes and William Freeland.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Larry D. Ritchie** were held Friday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Gary Reiber officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were Jack Ritchie, Kenny Ritchie, Brent Ritchie, Oryan Ritchie, Ben Wert, Ron Swartz, Gary Hamman and Lee Stophenhagen. Honorary pallbearers were Zach Ritchie and Radney Ritchie.

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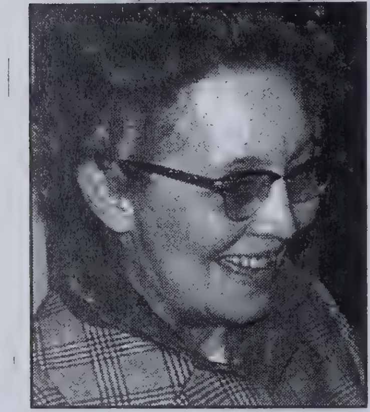

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Helen Buse has been described as a "perfect lady" and someone who had a contagious laugh.

Daughter recalls Mrs. Buse as a 'genuinely sweet lady'

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — "She was sunshine."

That's how Sharon Croy remembers her mother, Helen Buse, and how she thinks most people who knew her remember her as well.

"She was just a genuinely sweet lady," Sharon said. "She made everyone feel good."

Helen Buse died Monday, April 18, 2005. She had been battling Alzheimer's disease.

Sharon said people have told her that her mother was "a perfect lady."

"She was my inspiration for wanting to be a mother, wife and homemaker," Sharon said. "My mom would command respect just by her presence ... she didn't have to be demanding. She just earned it."

Sharon said her mother showed her what it meant to have class ... and a sense of humor.

"She was so dignified, and her smile, laughter and kindness ... they were contagious," she said.

Sharon said her mother and father, Charles, had a storybook marriage. Charles passed away on Jan. 10, 2003.

"She idolized my dad and they had a perfect marriage," she said. "He was her hero and he sheltered her. I always looked at them and thought, 'Boy, I hope I can have a marriage like that someday.' And I came close. I have a good marriage, but theirs ... it was just ideal."

Mrs. Buse was a teacher for more than half a century. She spent many of those years teaching home economics at Angola High School, where she was also a substitute history teacher.

"She just loved teaching," Sharon said. "It was her life. She loved teaching, and everyone loved her. She really missed teaching after she retired."

Sharon said the last few years, watching her mother deal with dementia and Alzheimer's, were very hard.

"The last few years, she wasn't the mother I remembered," she said sadly. "The last few months, she didn't even know me. It's a very cruel disease. She was totally lost."

Sharon said what she will always remember and miss about her mother was her nature.

"She was loving, sweet and honest," she said softly. "She wouldn't hurt anyone for the world. There are people who can put on a kind face in some situations, but she wasn't that way. She was not phony one bit. To be kind was just who she was. I don't know that my mother ever had a bad day."

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Mrs. Bratton enjoyed sisterhood of sorority

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ANGOLA — Patsy Bratton never had any sisters of her own, but in 1949, she joined Beta Sigma Phi sorority — and its members became her sisters.

"She really loved her sorority," said Mrs. Bratton's husband, Richard.

Mrs. Bratton had been battling cancer for four years, Richard said. She succumbed to her illness on March 31, 2005. She was 75.

An obituary Mrs. Bratton wrote for herself before her death said her membership in the sorority was "her greatest love." At the time of her death, she was a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi International, and was a past president of the Laureate Alpha Mu Chapter in Angola.

The Brattons would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Sept. 17. Richard said he met Patsy when he was home on leave from the Navy.

"We went to basketball games. She was in the same class as my sister," Richard remembered.

Mrs. Bratton

While Richard wanted to get married soon after he and Patsy started dating, Patsy held him off for a while. The couple dated for four years.

"I had to wait on her," Richard said with a smile in his voice. "She wanted to wait to get married until she was 21."

So wait they did ... and they were married exactly two weeks after Patsy's 21st birthday.

Mrs. Bratton graduated from Angola High School with the class of 1947, and from there she went to Fort Wayne Art School. She enjoyed working with youth programs, and was a Cub Scout den mother for several years, as well as a volunteer for teen programs.

Mrs. Bratton was also civic-minded. She was a past president of the Angola Ladies Fire Department and the Steuben County Republican Women's Club, and she also belonged to the American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

Richard said when she became ill and knew her time was short, his wife insisted on making many of her own arrangements.

But that was how she was.

"She was a good person," he said quietly. "A very good person. She took care of everything and everyone. She always did."

Ralph Cory

ALBION — Ralph L. Cory, 94, of Albion died Saturday, April 23, 2005, at 4 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mr. Cory was a master pattern cutter at Ligonier Garment Factory. He farmed a Bakertown from 1945 to 1976.

He lived most of his life in Noble County. While living near Round-up, Mont., as a teenager, he got to ride in one of the last wild horse round-ups in the Big Sky country. He was a 1930 graduate of Albion High School.

Mr. Cory was a member of Rehoboth Missionary Church, Albion, and a 53-year member of Albion Lodge 97 F & AM.

He enjoyed his family, dancing, ice skating, had a hole-in-one while golfing and was very active in AARP.

He was born April 4, 1911, in Syracuse to Joseph and Addie (Hines) Cory.

They preceded him in death.

On Aug. 5, 1933, in the Spencerville United Methodist Church parsonage he married Irene Brumbaugh. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Shirley Cory of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Carol Cory of Albion; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Melvin Cory of Ligonier.

He also was preceded in death by a son, Larry Cory on Dec. 18, 2003; a granddaughter, and two great-grandsons.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, with calling one hour prior to services.

Pastor Gerald Ringenberger will officiate.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Rehoboth Missionary Church, 4233 E. C.R. 100N, Albion.

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Irene Chilcote

PLEASANT LAKE — Irene M. Chilcote, 73, of Pleasant Lake died Friday, April 22, 2005, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chilcote retired after 18 years of working for M.S.D. of Steuben County in the cafeteria. She also owned and operated Rene's Restaurant in Pleasant Lake. She was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary Post 31 for 38 years.

She was born June 11, 1931, in Kendallville to Joseph and Alice (Gillespie) Workman. They preceded her in death.

She was married to Richard Davis, Merlin E. Friskney and Gene Chilcote. They all preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David L. and Diane Davis of Pleasant Lake, and Danny J. and Vickie Friskney of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela S. and Dennis Ginder of Leo, and Peggy A. and Tim Braun of Pleasant Lake; a stepson, Gene R. Chilcote Jr. of Indiana, and two stepdaughters, Cathy Warren of Indiana and Barbara of Ohio; seven grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Workman.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, 1380 State St., Pleasant Lake. The Rev. George Foulk will officiate.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Richard Miller

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Richard "Dick" Miller, 65, died Saturday morning, April 23, 2005, at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio.

He was born June 20, 1939, in Milford Township, the son of Carl H. and Helen L. (Harter) Miller.

Mr. Miller attended Mark Center High School and retired from Robinair Industries of Montpelier, Ohio. He was a member of Sons of the American Legion 0223, as well as Eagles 2556 of Hicksville and Eagles 2733 in Butler.

Surviving are six brothers and three sisters-in-law, Joe and Mikee of Hicksville, Frances "Bounce" and Margaret of Butler, Bob of Swanton, Ohio, Jim and Kay of Payne, Ohio, Paul D. of Fort Wayne and Donald of Amelia, Ohio; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Hulbert of Edmonton, Ky., and Donna and Jack Schliesser of Mark Center, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling will be Monday from 1 to 8 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home, with an Eagles service at 6 p.m. (Indiana time).

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Lela DeBrular

MILFORD — Lela M. DeBrular, 87, of Milford died Friday, April 22, 2005, at 2 p.m. at Lakeland Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Milford.

Mrs. DeBrular

Mrs. DeBrular was a former Cromwell resident and had lived most of her life in Noble County. She had worked in production at Essex Wire Company for 33 years. She was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church and a member of the Ligonier Order of the Eastern Star 325 for over 50 years. She enjoyed working in her yard and nurturing flowers.

She was born June 13, 1917, in Noble County to Russell and Hazel (Johnson) Wineland. They preceded her in death

On Jan. 13, 1945, in Fort Wayne, she married Joseph DeBrular. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Eva J. and Bruce McClintic of Syracuse; a brother-in-law and his wife, John Thomas "Tom" and Geraldine DeBrular of Cromwell; and several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter, Charles and Firman Wineland; and a sister, Laura W. McClintic.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. The Rev. Don Poyser will officiate.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling is two hours prior to the service time on Monday.

Memorials are to Cromwell United Methodist Church or Shriners' Children's Hospitals.

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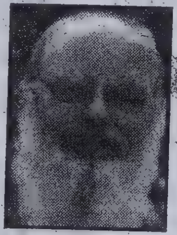
Charles Lung

LAGRANGE — Charles G. Lung Jr., 57, of LaGrange died Friday, April 22, 2005, at LaGrange Community Hospital.



Mr. Lung

Mr. Lung was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County. He worked in maintenance at LRV in Elkhart. He was an avid train collector, hunter and history buff. He loved playing with his grandchildren.

He was born June 10, 1947, in Sturgis, Mich., to Charles G. and Frances (Draper) Lung Sr. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in LaGrange.

On Feb. 25, 1994, in LaGrange, he married Pamela Reiff. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lisa Lung of Goshen; a son, Chad Crowder of Roanoke, Va.; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Tabitha and Craig Johnson of Elkhart, Nicole and Justin Ebersole of Wolcottville, and Penny and Eugene Troyer of LaGrange; a brother, Carl Dean Lung of Louisville, Ky.; a sister and brother-in-law, Deborah and Tom Fitch of LaGrange; and 13 grandchildren.

Private family services will be at a later date.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Georgia Westfall

GARRETT — Georgia L. Westfall, 96, of Garrett died Saturday, April 23, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Westfall had worked for the Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett, International Harvester in Fort Wayne and Haffner 5 & 10 store in Garrett.

She was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ, Garrett Eagle Auxiliary, Auburn Women of the Moose, retired activity club of the Eagles and Auburn Lady Elks.

She was born Sept. 14, 1908, in Hamilton to James Harger and Daisy M. (Erlston) Harger. They preceded her in death.

On Dec. 10, 1927, she married Earl Westfall. He died Sept. 9, 1975.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Tiffany Westfall of Michigan; three grandchildren, Nathan, Danyelle and Joey; a sister, Doris Lechleidner of Butler; and her special friend and caretaker, Carrie Sue Sumner.

She also was preceded in death by five sisters and five brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Rosella Bostic

BRYAN, Ohio — Rosella L. Bostic, 69, of Bryan died Thursday, April 21, 2005, at 6:45 a.m. in the emergency room of Community Health and Wellness Centers at Bryan after an illness of one month.

Mrs. Bostic was a press operator for Allied Moulded Products Inc. for more than 27 years, retiring in 1996.

She was a member of the Union Chapel Church of God in Bryan, serving on the church council and as secretary of the Union Chapel Women's Ministry.

She was born Jan. 12, 1936, in Van Wert County to Bernard and Katherine (Waller) Baxter. They preceded her in death.

She married Clavel J. Bostic on Nov. 8, 1969. He died June 16, 1992.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard "Rich" and Sherry Trubey of Bryan, Ohio, and U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Keith Trubey and Michelle Trubey of Bryan (he is currently serving in Iraq with the 983rd Engineering Battalion); one daughter, Marlene Hamrick of Bryan; one stepson and his wife, Clavel "Mickey" Bostic Jr. and Teresa Bostic of Sunrise, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Christopher and MaKenzie Trubey, and Natasha, Hailey, Olivia, Tyler and Caleb Trubey; and Lowell and Amanda Hamrick; three stepgrandchildren, Stephanie, Tracey and Joey Bostic; a sister and brother-in-law, Roberta and Roger Holman of Hamilton; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Irene Baxter of Hamilton, Harold and Sharon Baxter of Hamilton and Cloyce and Shirley Baxter of Mount Sterling, Ky.

She was preceded in death by an infant sister.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. Indiana time in Krill Funeral Home, 860 W. Mulberry St., Bryan, with Pastor Dennis Jones officiating. Private burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1 to 7 p.m. Indiana time at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Union Chapel Church of God or the family.

Condolences may be sent and a guest register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Donald Privett Sr.

OSSIAN — Donald L. Privett Sr., 81, of Ossian died Saturday, April 23, 2005, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Privett was an assembler at International Harvester for 18 years, retiring in 1983. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He was born July 2, 1923, in Terre Haute.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Delores; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald Privett Jr. and Judy Privett of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Colette and Gene Marks of Auburn; a brother, Duward Privett of Ossian; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8328 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Irene Chilcote

PLEASANT LAKE — Irene M. Chilcote, 73, of Pleasant Lake died Friday, April 22, 2005, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chilcote retired after 18 years of working for M.S.D. of Steuben County in the cafeteria. She also owned and operated Rene's Restaurant in Pleasant Lake. She was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary Post 31 for 38 years.

She was born June 11, 1931, in Kendallville to Joseph and Alice (Gillespie) Workman. They preceded her in death.

She was married to Richard Davis, Merlin E. Friskney and Gene Chilcote. They all preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David L. and Diane Davis of Grand Ledge, Mich., and Danny J. and Vickie Friskney of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela S. and Dennis Ginder of Leo, and Peggy A. and Tim Braun of Pleasant Lake; a stepson, Gene R. Chilcote Jr. of Indiana, and two stepdaughters, Cathy Warren of Indiana and Barbara of Ohio; seven grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Workman.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, 1380 State St., Pleasant Lake. The Rev. George Foulk will officiate.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Ida Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Ida Ellen Miller, 75, of Middlebury died at 7 a.m. Sunday, April 24, 2005, at her home following a six-week illness.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and a member of Griner Mennonite Church.

She enjoyed sewing, baby-sitting and baking. She was well known for her cinnamon rolls.

Mrs. Miller was born May 18, 1929, in Millersburg to Cephas and Fannie (Troyer) Bender. On Sept. 28, 1950, in Middlebury, she married Harvey L. Miller. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Marlene Ann and Ezra Miller of Metamora, Ill., Dee and Mike Sellers of Gainesville, Fla., and Sharon and James Brandenberger of Middlebury; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Marion Miller of Middlebury, Duane and Cheri Miller of Plymouth and Don and Joan Miller of Bristol; a sister and brother-in-law, Marlene and Bob Pletcher of Middlebury; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Cliff and Janice Bender of Elkhart and Merv and Virginia Bender and Eugene and Geneva Bender, all of Middlebury; eight grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Griner Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Harley Troyer, the Rev. Robert Riegsecker and the Rev. John Yoder, all of church, officiating. Burial will be in Griner Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Hospice of Goshen General Hospital or Make a Wish Foundation.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Kathleen Manella

SPENCERVILLE — Kathleen Ann Manella, 49, of Spencerville died Sunday evening, April 24, 2005, at her home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville.

LeAnna Miller

LAGRANGE — LeAnna J. Miller, 54, of LaGrange died Saturday, April 23, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Miller was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County. She was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born June 4, 1950, in Goshen to Jacob J. and Sarah (Schrock) Petersheim. On April 25, 1974, she married Samuel N. Miller. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Loretta and Milton Hochstetler, Katie and Omer Lambright and Rachel and Marvin Bontrager, all of LaGrange; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Mary and Melvin Hershberger and Katie and Perry Mast, all of Topeka, Elsie Kurtz of Millersburg, Ida Mae and Lorenzo Romero of Goshen and Ruby and Marvin Graber of LaGrange; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Melvin and Ida Petersheim, Orva and Edith Petersheim and Elva and Lydia Mae Petersheim, all of Topeka, and Samuel and Susie Petersheim of LaGrange; and six grandchildren, Devon Lambright, Lavon Lambright, SueAnna Lambright, Vernon Lambright, Steven Hochstetler and Sarah Rose Bontrager.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family home at 1575 S. C.R. 00EW, LaGrange, with Bishop Eli P. Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 5 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family home.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Charles Gross

LIGONIER — Charles L. Gross, 45, of Ligonier died unexpectedly Saturday, April 23, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Gross

Mr. Gross had been a construction worker for more than 20 years.

Mr. Gross was a member of Rock of Ages Church of Love in Ligonier.

He was born June 4, 1959, in Welch, W.Va., to Jack and Earnestine (Puckett) Gross. On April 20, 1978, in Lebanon, Va., he married Margaret A. Hagerman. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Charles A. and Alyssa Gross, Gary D. and Cindy Gross, Justin W. Gross and Tommy L. Gross, all of Ligonier; three daughters and a son-in-law, Jessica A. and David Slone, Sherry J. Gross and Mary A. Gross, all of Ligonier; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Pat and Vicki Gross and Thomas and Sherri Gorham, all of Stafford, Va.; a sister, Debra Williams of Stafford; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Services will be at 6:30 p.m. today at the family home at 8833 N. C.R. 450W with minister Anthony Hagerman officiating.

Calling will be from 4-6:30 p.m. prior to services.

Additional services will be at noon Wednesday at the Tom Sparks Community Chapel in Paynesville, W.Va. Burial will be in Tom Sparks Cemetery in Paynesville. Calling will be after 1 p.m. Tuesday at the chapel.

Memorials are to Rock of Ages Church of Love in Ligonier.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of local arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Marguerite Fish

THREE RIVERS, Mich. — Marguerite Fish, 87, of Three Rivers died Sunday, April 24, 2005, at Heartland Health Care in Three Rivers.

Mrs. Fish was a homemaker and a sales representative for Avon.

She had moved to Three Rivers in 1946 from Garrett, Ind.

Mrs. Fish was an avid bingo player.

She was born Oct. 13, 1917, in LaGrange County to Henry S. and Mary E. (Gaffney) Pant. On June 14, 1946, in LaGrange, she married Orley J. Fish. He died April 28, 1962.

Surviving are two stepgrandchildren, Sandra Millard of Mendon, Mich., and Danny Pryor of Decatur, Mich.; six stepgreat-grandchildren; six stepgreat-great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three stepchildren; two stepgreat-granddaughters; seven sisters; and seven brothers.

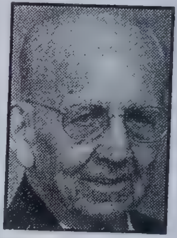
Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with her nephew Larry Pant officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Arthur DeGroff

KENDALLVILLE — Arthur L. DeGroff, 91, of Kendallville died Saturday, April 23, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.



Mr. DeGroff

Mr. DeGroff had retired from Kraft Foods in 1978.

He had served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the USS Pelias AS14, which was a sub tender in Pearl Harbor and the Asian Pacific Theater.

Mr. DeGroff was a member of VFW Post 2749 and a lifetime member of American Legion Post 86.

He was born May 24, 1913, in Kendallville to Willis and Maude (Steckley) DeGroff. On Sept. 7, 1940, in Monticello, he married Georgianna Lehner. She died Jan. 11, 1994.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dean and Linda DeGroff of Kendallville and Dale and Robin DeGroff of Warsaw; five grandsons, Douglas and Rebecca DeGroff of Kendallville, David DeGroff serving in the U.S. Navy in Bangor, Wash., and Brian DeGroff, Stephan DeGroff and Michael DeGroff, all of Warsaw; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jerry L. DeGroff, in 1946; and a sister.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 2, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice, P.O. Box 728, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Charlotte Moore

FORT WAYNE — Charlotte "Sherry" Moore, 82, of Fort Wayne died Friday, April 22, 2005, at The Towne House Health Center.

Mrs. Moore had been co-owner of Better Beepers for 20 years, retiring in 1985. From 1988-1991 she assisted her husband in re-establishing radio station WCER AM-1300 in Huntington.

As a child she tap-danced for a Chicago radio station. She was an accomplished equestrian and a national roller skating speed titlist. She was involved in PTA and Girl Scouts and enjoyed boating, tennis and painting.

She had been a member of St. John Lutheran Church and later a member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. She had held various offices in the Quota Club.

Mrs. Moore was a Chicago native.

Her husband of 62 years, Cabot Moore, preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sherry and Michael Sterrett of Pleasant Hill, Calif., Judy Wall and Patricia Allyn Moore, both of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Laura and Geoff Deutsch of Yorba Linda, Calif., Jacqueline and Brian Damerell of Kendallville, Christina and Todd Whitmire of Antioch, Calif., Michelle Wall of Indianapolis and David Sterrett of Pacheco, Calif.; 10 great-grandchildren; nieces-in-law; and cousins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the SPCA or Byron Health Care Center.

Kathleen Manella

SPENCERVILLE — Kathleen Ann Manella, 49, of Spencerville died Sunday, April 24, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Manella

Mrs. Manella was a homemaker and a member of the South Scipio United Brethren Church.

She was born Dec. 29, 1955, in Chicago.

She married Albert Manella on June 17, 1972, in Chicago. He survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are her father, Paul Katschke of Hicksville, Ohio; her mother and stepfather, Kathy and Keith DePew of White Cloud, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Albert A. Manella II and Jen Manella of Antwerp, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Michelle and Don Dunderman of Antwerp, Dana and Josh Garmater of Woodburn and Grace and Ryan White of Grabill; nine grandchildren, Angelo, Brandon, Donato, Bethany, Klayre, Boston, David, Titus and Isabelle; two sisters, Pam Carr of Fremont, Mich., and Tracy Eitnear of Continental, Ohio; and two brothers, Paul Katschke of Butler and Bill Katschke of Hicksville.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with Pastor Gary Gates officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Cathryn Putnam

ORLAND — Cathryn M. Putnam, 72, of Orland died Saturday, April 23, 2005, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Putnam

Mrs. Putnam was born June 27, 1932, in Florence, Ala., to Luther Roscoe and Laura Lee (Flippo) Guyse. She was married to Jesse Putnam on Oct. 8, 1948. He preceded her in death in 2002.

She worked at Bohn Aluminum and was a member of Angola Christian Church.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Danny and LuAnn Putnam of Angola and Jerry Putnam and his companion, Roxann, of Edgerton, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cathy and Gary Williams of Orland and Cindy and Dean Berry of Kendallville; three sisters, Helen Mitchell of Birmingham, Ala., Margaret Ketton of Florence, Ala. and Shirley Morgan of Lexington, Ala.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Kim Putnam; and three sisters, Evelyn Hunt, Mildred Fenn and Nadine Fenn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Darrell Hughes

SALEM CENTER — Darrell B. Hughes, 88, of Fort Wayne and Salem Center died Monday, April 25, 2005, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hughes was born April 8, 1917, in Salem Center to Earl and Vesta Hughes.

He was a lifelong farmer, a school bus driver for Prairie Heights Community Schools for 43 years and a substitute mail carrier for the Hudson post office for 25 years. His hobbies included automobiles, fishing and sports, especially Indiana University basketball.

His proudest memory was of the 1933 Steuben County baseball championship team, for which he was the catcher. A picture of that team is memorialized at Meijer in Angola in the commissary.

Survivors include two daughters and their spouses, Judy and Wayne Becker of Golden Lake and Barbara and Frank Kracher of Granger; a son, Jerry Hughes of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores M. Hart Hughes, in 1991; brothers Neal and Maurice Hughes; and a granddaughter, Kristen Kracher.

Services will be at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, at 11 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. Alan Kubow officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Thursday. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to Hudson United Methodist Church. Condolences may be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

Gene Strawser

ANGOLA — Gene Strawser, 79, of Angola died Saturday, April 23, 2005, at home.

Mrs. Strawser was born Feb. 5, 1926, in Pioneer, Ohio, to Dr. William and Clarabell (Fullerton) Crall. She was married to Dr. O.J. "Doc" Strawser on March 19, 1949, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 21, 2000.

She was a homemaker. She was a former member of the New Life Worship Center (now Cornerstone Family Church), the Appleseed Trail Chapter of the Sweet Adelines and the American Quarter Horse Association.

Surviving are three sons, Tom, Tim and Todd Strawser, all of Angola; a daughter, Teri Strawser of Angola; a sister, Mary Tippie of Orlando, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Strawser.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Cornerstone Family Church, Angola, with the Rev. Dennis Carey officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice or Cornerstone Family Church.

Leila Linn

KENDALLVILLE — Leila Mae Linn, 83, of Kendallville died at 9:05 a.m. Sunday, April 24, 2005, at Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Joyce Hooten

AVILLA — Joyce Hooten, 87, of Avilla died Monday, April 25, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Ardith and Nelson Bradford of Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Joyce Hooten

KENDALLVILLE — Joyce M. Hooten, 89, of Kendallville died Monday, April 25, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Hooten

Mrs. Hooten was a homemaker. She worked in the caramel department and then in the linen room at Kraft Foods for more than 30 years and had worked briefly for Holland Furnace Co. and Sears Roebuck.

She was a 1933 graduate of Wawaka High School where she was active in 4-H, sang solos for special events and played piano for the orchestra and glee club.

Mrs. Hooten was a member of Cosperville Baptist Church until her family moved to Kendallville on July 4, 1945. She then became a member of First Baptist Church where she was active for 55 years. She was the church pianist and organist and also filled the positions of youth director, secretary, clerk and president of the Women's Society.

She will be remembered for her love of music, her hospitality, generosity, beautiful smile and her sugar cookies.

She was born Aug. 17, 1915, near Cosperville to Clarence W. and DeAnna (King) Frick. She married Glen S. Hooten on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 29, 1933. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ardith and Nelson Bradford of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Doris Hooten of Newbury, Ore.; four grandsons and their wives, David and Sonny Hooten of Portland, Ore., Timothy and Denise Hooten of Austin, Texas, Stuart and Karen Hooten of Bayville, N.J., and Michael and Corrine Hooten of Maneoguam, N.J.; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; eight nephews; and six nieces.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Merle Glen Hooten, in 1999; a brother and sister-in-law, Loyal Frick in 1994 and Thema Frick in 2003; a sister, Shirley Ann Riles; and an infant grandson, Mark Allen.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. David Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Charles Hoover

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Max Hoover of Kendallville died today, April 27, 2005, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Roberta Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Roberta Smith of Kendallville died today, April 27, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

C. Dale Miller

ANGOLA — C. Dale Miller, 91, an Angola resident since 1973, died Monday, April 25, 2005, in Clinton Township, Mich.

Mr. Miller was born May 25, 1913, in Fort Wayne to Jesse Moore and Faye L. (Webster) Miller. He was married to Delores Bussing on May 4, 1935, and she preceded him in death on June 1, 1993.

He retired in 1975 after more than 30 years working at Zollner Inc. in Fort Wayne. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, the Angola Moose Lodge and the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Daniel Lee and Pam Miller of Lima, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol Joyce and Robert Mociulewski of Clinton Township; five grandchildren and their spouses Lisa and Charles Woodward, Julie and Glenn Taylor, Susan and Jerome Acord, James Miller and Vicki and Dough McComas; 10 great-grandchildren; and his fiancee, Irene Koch of Angola.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Tony Miller; three brothers, Robert, Ronald and Donald Miller; and two sisters, Melba McGuire and Donna Carroll.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, with the Rev. Bart Beebe and the Rev. Charles Woodward officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and 12:30 to 1 p.m. Friday at Calvary Lutheran Church.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church or Pleasant View Church of Christ.

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Fredia Ruhl

BRYAN, Ohio — Fredia Fay Ruhl, 79, of Bryan died Monday, April 25, 2005, at home.

Mrs. Ruhl was born July 27, 1925, in Angola to Fred and Beulah Myrtle (Everling) German. She married Alfred Ruhl on Nov. 11, 1942, in Angola, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 10, 1996.

Mrs. Ruhl

She was employed by Custom Plastics as a press operator for several years.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Fay and Bob Cogswell of Alvordton, Ohio, and Hope Johnson of Bryan; six grandchildren and their spouses, Ken and Lori Cogswell, Amy Hurd, Tina and Jeff Weaver, Tammy and Zane Pitzen, Kevin and Devin Johnson; seven great-grandchildren, Kenneth Cogswell, Allen Cogswell, Matthew Hurd, Tiffany Weaver, Stefanie Weaver, Sara Cogswell and Brian Pitzen; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Carol German of White Pigeon, Mich.; a sister, Phyllis Birch of Marshall, Mich.; and a brother-in-law and his wife, Lamar and Margie Ruhl of Angola.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Donna Jones and Geraldine German; and a brother-in-law, Bob Ruhl.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Flint Cemetery, Flint, with the Rev. James Adams officiating. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are by Krill Funeral Service, Bryan.

Glenn McClish

BUTLER — Glenn W. McClish, 74, of Butler died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at 8 a.m. at his home.

Mr. McClish was employed in maintenance at Tokheim Corp. for 18 years. He had served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Butler post of the American Legion.

He was born June 22, 1930, in Hudson to Russell and Martha (Chipman) McClish.

He married Beverly Boren on Sept. 25, 1952, in Auburn. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a daughter, Linda McClish of Fort Wayne; and five sisters, Merlee Brand, Betty Diosado, Ilda Green, Lilah Steele of Wabash and Mary Gasten of Lake Seneca, Ohio.

He was preceded in death his parents; a son, Steven McClish; a brother, Vaughn McClish; and a sister, Patricia Miller.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Darrol Heggen officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Butler or the National Kidney Foundation.

Memorials are to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers-Hospice Care, Restoration Fellowship Church, 10643 County Road A, Bryan, OH, 43506, or to the family.

Condolences may be sent and the guest register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Charlotte Truelove

KENDALLVILLE — Charlotte R. Truelove, 70, of Kendallville died Monday, April 25, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Truelove had retired from Kraft Foods after 30 years of service and had worked part time as a clerk at Chronister Pharmacy in Kendallville.

Mrs. Truelove

She was a member of First Christian Church and volunteered at the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Mrs. Truelove was a graduate of Salem Center High School.

Mrs. Truelove was born Nov. 24, 1934, in Hudson to Leah Lasho. On March 14, 1954, in Helmer, she married Albert Truelove. He died Nov. 1, 1980.

Surviving are her companion, Robert Debes of Kendallville; three daughters and their spouses, Sandra Truelove and David Spiers of Tracy, Calif., Sharon and David Effinger of Richland, N.C., and Sue and Brian Rieke of Waterloo; a brother, Richard and Barbara Reade of Effort, Pa.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Reade and Charlie Reade; and a sister, LaNora Liberato.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Clothier officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Lilia Smith

LIGONIER — Lilia Elizabeth Smith, 4 months, died unexpectedly Monday, April 25, 2005, at her home.

Lilia Smith

She was born Dec. 15, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne to Gregory and Susan (Vann) Smith. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a brother, Matthew Allen Steven Smith of Ligonier; maternal grandparents, Bryan and Elizabeth Vann of Ligonier; paternal grandparents, Allen and Rose Walter of Ligonier; maternal great-grandfathers, Franklin Malott of Westland, Mich., and Mel Plotkoswki of Mackinaw, Mich.; paternal great-grandfathers, Odes Cox of Lackey, Ky., and Ira Walter of Howe; maternal great-grandmother, Jane Malott of Westland, Mich.; paternal great-grandmother, Nancy Habig of Ligonier; seven aunts; and four uncles.

She was preceded in death by a maternal grandfather, Linden Vernon Vann; a maternal great-grandmother, Patricia Plotkowski; a paternal great-grandmother, Dolly Cox; a paternal grandfather, Owen Smith Jr.; and paternal great-grandparents, Owen and Faye Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Harbor of Love Baptist Church south of Kendallville on S.R. 3 with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Friday at the church with a service at 7 p.m.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Maude Sefton

GARRETT — Maude C. Sefton, 85, of Garrett died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, in her home.

She was a homemaker and had worked as a beautician when she was younger.

Born March 10, 1920, in Habarsham, Tenn., she was the daughter of Mose and Bessie (Huddleston) Ray.

She married James E. Brown, in 1937. He died in 1956.

In 1958, she married Russell Sefton. He died in 1979.

Surviving are a son, James L. Brown of Garrett; a sister, Evelyn Chastin of Knoxville, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Denise Green and Janice Gonya, both of Garrett; Tonya Pearson of LaGrange, and James Brown of Fort Wayne; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Cynthia Sexton; and two brothers, Hugh Lee Ray and Charles Ray.

Graveside services will be Friday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Rose Hill Burial Park at Hamilton, Ohio.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or DeKalb County Heart Association.

Opal Smith

WATERLOO — Opal E. Smith, 86, of Waterloo died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker, a photo colorist and a very talented artist. She worked for Waters Photo Studio of Fort Wayne and Kelso Davis Photography of Auburn.

She was born Sept. 29, 1918, in Waterloo. Her parents were Denis and Julie (Barth) Poorman and her stepmother was Almetta (Buss) Poorman.

She married Richard S. Smith on Feb. 27, 1938, at the Evangelical Church in Waterloo. He died Aug. 8, 1998.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis J. and Janet Smith, Stanley S. and Jeanne Smith and C. Noel and Sue Smith, all of Waterloo; a daughter, Sharon Bullock of Waterloo; 10 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard A. Smith; a grandson, Mike Carper; and a brother, Russell Poorman.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to New Hope Day Care.

NEW ERA

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Ralph Cory, 94

ALBION — Ralph L. Cory, 94, of Albion died Saturday, April 23, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mr. Cory was a master pattern cutter at Ligonier Garment Factory. He farmed in Bakertown from 1945 to 1976.

He lived most of his life in Noble County. As a teenager, while living near Round-up, Mont., he got to ride in one of the last wild horse round-ups in the Big Sky country. He was a 1930 graduate of Albion High School.

Mr. Cory was a member of Rehoboth Missionary Church, Albion, and a 53-year member of Albion Lodge 97 F & AM.

He enjoyed his family, dancing, ice skating, had a hole-in-one while golfing and was very active in AARP.

He was born April 4, 1911, in Syracuse to Joseph and Addie (Hines) Cory. They preceded him in death.

On Aug. 5, 1933, in the Spencerville United Methodist Church parsonage, he married Irene Brumbaugh. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Shirley Cory of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Carol Cory of Albion; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Melvin Cory of Ligonier.

He also was preceded in death by a son, Larry Cory on Dec. 18, 2003; a granddaughter, and two great-grandsons.

Services were held Monday, April 25, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion with Pastor Gerald Ringenberger officiating.

Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Rehoboth Missionary Church, 4233 E. C.R. 100N, Albion.

Darryl Owen

The family of Darryl Owen would like to thank friends, neighbors, and relatives that dropped us a card, made a call or visit, provided food, sent flowers/plants, donated to a memorial or simply kept us in your thoughts and prayers. We greatly appreciated it.

A special thank you to the Draft Horse Associations for all their support, Brazzell Funeral Home for their services, the ladies of Trinity United Methodist Church for the lunch, Pastor Dan Barker and Reverend Benny Archer for a wonderful and fitting eulogy.

Darryl was a very special person to many in this community and it showed during his illness & passing.

Thanks again,
Barb Owen and Family

Lester Kahn, 73

BLUFFTON — Lester D. Kahn, 73, died Saturday, April 23, 2005, at the Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Bluffton. He was married to Carolyn R. (Bennett) Kahn, in Warsaw on March 19, 1952. In 1997, he retired from Dana Corp. after 39 years.

He was a Korean Army Veteran.

He is survived by his sons, Larry W. of Churubusco and Cary A. of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Cathy (Brian) Bowman of Fort Wayne, Diane (Leslie) Burroughs of Decatur and Michelle (Greg) Campbell of Albion; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Clarence Kahn Jr. of South Whitley, Earl Kahn of Fort Wayne and Virgil Kahn of Bluffton; and two sisters, Hilda (Harry) Baumgartner and Rosie (Gerald) King, both of Vera Cruz, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn R. (Bennett) Kahn, on May 24, 2003.

Services were held Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton. Memorials to New Life Lutheran Church, c/o the funeral home.

NEW ERA

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Charles Gross, 45

LIGONIER — Charles L. Gross, age 45, of Ligonier, died unexpectedly Saturday, April 23, 2005, in the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room in Kendallville.

He had been a concrete construction worker for over 20 years and was a member of the Rock of Ages Church of Love in Ligonier.

Mr. Gross was born June 4, 1959, in Welch, West Virginia a son of Jack and Earnestine (Puckett) Gross. The was united in marriage on April 20, 1978 in Lebanon, Virginia to Margaret A. Hagerman who survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife Margaret of 27 years are their children, Charles A. (Alyssa) Gross, Gary D. (Cindy) Gross, Jessica A. (David) Stone, Justin W. Gross, Tommy L. Gross, Sherry J. Gross, and Mary A. Gross, all of Ligonier. Also surviving are brothers, Pat (Vicki) Gross, Thomas (Sherri) Gorham, and a sister Debra Williams, all of Safford, Virginia, and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Services were held Monday, April 25, 2005, in the family home with Minister Anthony Hagerman officiating. Additional services were held in Paynesville, West Virginia on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at the Tom Sparks Community Chapel. Burial followed in the Tom Sparks Cemetery in Paynesville.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Rock of Ages Church of Love.

Florence Tuggle, 84

LAOTTO — Florence Ann "Nanny" Tuggle, 84, died Friday, April 22, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

She was born May 10, 1920, in Bristol, Virginia, to Lem Tuggle.

She moved to the area from Chicago in 1975 and was a homemaker. Her hobbies included crossword puzzles and word search books.

She is survived by three sons, Lem (Karen) Buettgen of rural LaOtto, Steven Price of Albion, Jack (Wilda) Price of West Virginia; and daughter Geneva Richards of Albion; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, April 25, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Burial was in Swan Cemetery, rural LaOtto.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to list additional surviving relatives.*

Opal Smith

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Mrs. Smith

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She was born Sept. 29, 1918, in Waterloo. Her parents were Denis and Julie (Barth) Poorman and her stepmother was Almetta (Buss) Poorman.

She married Richard S. Smith on Feb. 27, 1938, at the Evangelical Church in Waterloo. He died Aug. 8, 1998.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis J. and Janet Smith, Stanley S. and Jeanne Smith and C. Noel and Sue Smith, all of Waterloo; a daughter, Sharon Bullock of Waterloo; her grandchildren and their spouses, Lori and Merlin Ehmke of Waterloo, Chad and Tammy Bullock of Bristol, Matthew and Mindy Smith of Waterloo, Toni and William Kula of Auburn, Patrick and Lindsey Smith of Waterloo, Leslie and Chaney Boles of Waterloo, Ryan and Tracy Smith of Corunna, Nick Smith of Waterloo and Taya Smith of Waterloo; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard A. Smith, a grandson, Mike Carper, and a brother, Russell Poorman.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to New Hope Day Care.

Charles Hoover

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Max Hoover of Kendallville died at 4:40 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at the home of his son, Lucas Hawkens of Kendallville.

Mr. Hoover was the pastor of Kingdom Tabernacle Ministries near Kendallville. He had been involved in mission ministry, having served in various locations throughout the United States.

Surviving are his wife, Marcella Jean Long Hoover of Kendallville; a son, Lucas Hawkens of Kendallville; three daughters, Mary Margaret Pasko of Huntington, Elizabeth Ann Hanlon of Fortville and Phyllis Maxine Auernheimer of Glendale, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Wayne Center United Methodist Church, 1015 E. Schoolhouse Road, Kendallville. Burial will be in Laketon Cemetery in Laketon.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today prior to services.

The family is in charge of services.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Beulah Orcutt

AVILLA — Beulah I. Orcutt, 84, of Avilla died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Orcutt

Mrs. Orcutt had been employed at Blue Bell and then at Essex in Ligonier. In the mid-1950s she began her employment with Weatherhead in Columbia City and worked there until her retirement in 1978. She later worked at the Lutheran Home in Kendallville.

She had attended Bashhill School and graduated from South Whitley High School. She had also lived in Columbia City, at Scott Lake, Loon Lake, in Arkansas and Rome City.

Mrs. Orcutt was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

She was born Dec. 27, 1920, in Whitley County to John A. and Esta Mae (Kreider) Snell. On Oct. 28, 1945, she married Joseph Orcutt. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Eric and Sue Orcutt of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Brian and Becky Orcutt of Hamilton, Wash.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Charles Schank of Eatonville, Wash., and Patricia and Thomas Hudkins of Avilla; three sisters, Dorothy Grossnickle of North Manchester, Nina Prage of Fort Wayne and Edith Kennedy of South Whitley; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four sisters, Bertha Lozier, Blanche Metzger, Hazel Pyle and Ruby Dilts.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be in West Etna Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and

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Roberta Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Roberta Jean Smith, 76, of Kendallville died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith had worked part time at The News-Sun for about 10 years and in the 1970s had worked at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for about six years.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the St. Michael's Rosary Sodality in Waterloo.

Mrs. Smith served as a Girl Scout leader in Fairfield Township for many years. She was a member of the auxiliaries of American Legion Post 86 and VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

She was born April 22, 1929, in Benton Harbor, Mich., to Urville Preston and Pauline (Munch) Coffey. On June 11, 1949, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, she married Howard John Smith. He survives.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas J. and Ann Smith of Dowagiac, Mich., Timothy J. and Meg Smith of Wolcottville, Michael J. and Kathy Smith of St. Joe, and Mark J. and Becky Smith of Kendallville and Matthew J. and Jessica Smith of Kendallville; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Christina M. Smith of Kendallville, Catherine A. and Mark Runion of Fishers, Mary F. and Mike Troyer of Hicksville, Ohio, and Rita J. and LaVerne Cornett of West Alexandria, Ohio; two brothers and a sister-in-law, William Coffey of Sturgis, Mich., and Robert and Pam Coffey of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Janet Leggett of Benton Harbor and Joyce and Richard Baird of Ashley; 24 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Delbert Coffey.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Lourdino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery at Waterloo.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family or the church building fund.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Florence Janke

BUTLER — Florence Janke, 101, of Butler died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at 6:45 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mrs. Janke was a homemaker and a member of the Butler Eagles and the Wittenberg Guild. She was an avid bowler and was affectionately known as "the worm lady."

She was born Aug. 18, 1903, in Butler to William and Adena (Rohrbaugh) Dohner.

She married Ernest Janke on May 6, 1930, in Michigan. He died Nov. 5, 1981.

Surviving are two sisters, Dorothy Harvey of Auburn and Inez Shultz of Butler; a niece, Gaynell Lake of St. Joe; a nephew, Larry Shultz of Thayer; and many great, great-great and great-great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preced in death by a brother, Robert Dohner, and two sisters, Iva Dohner and Hazel Janke.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Big Run Church of rural Butler.

Harold Gerbers

FORT WAYNE — Harold H. Gerbers, 83, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at Heritage Park in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gerbers was born Nov. 16, 1921, in Woodburn. He was a graduate of the GE Apprentice School, and was the owner and operator of Five Points Cafe for 35 years.

He was a World War II veteran and a member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, where he was chairman of the school board for 18 years and was active in its seniors organization. He also served as president of the Lake James Lutheran Chapel in Angola for 35 years. He was a three-time winner of the City of Fort Wayne Outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; two sons and daughters-in-law, Joel and Debra of Atlanta and Thomas and Cinda of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Ralph, Wayne, Robert and Gilbert Gerbers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

Burial will be in St. John Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church and School.

Clair Lower

ANGOLA — Clair L. Lower, 84, of Angola died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Lower was born July 24, 1920, in Steuben County.

Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Orval Schrock

LIGONIER — Orval Jesse Schrock, 83, of Ligonier died at 10 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier following a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Schrock

Mr. Schrock had lived in the area since 1929. He was a lifelong farmer and had sold seed corn and fertilizer.

He was a graduate of Topeka High School and attended Goshen College and Purdue University. He was a member of the Organic Growers Association.

Mr. Schrock was a member of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier.

He loved gardening, worshiping the Lord and spending time with his family.

Mr. Schrock was born Feb. 15, 1922, in Haven, Kan., to Noah J. and Jennie (Hooley) Schrock. On Aug. 30, 1947, in Eureka, Ill., he married Florence Yordy. She died in 1977. He then married Christena Schrock on May 2, 1981, in Middlebury. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Sanford and Janie Schrock of Millersburg; three daughters and sons-in-law, Harriet and Dennis Martin of Goshen, Eleanor and Dave Johnston of Knox and Denise and Rob Hershman of Ligonier; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Beulah and John Buller of Goshen and Margaret and Glen Call of Twin Falls, Idaho; six grandsons and three granddaughters.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Hazel Hostetler and Grace Ellen Schrock; and two brothers, Franklin and Lyle Schrock.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Assembly of God Church in Ligonier with the Rev. Bill Parks and Father Rick Leone officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Assembly of God Church or Southern Care Hospice.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Ann Ransom

FORT WAYNE — Mary Ann (Rexroth) Ransom, 77, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at Hospice Home.

She was a homemaker and a native of Indianapolis and loved to garden, play the piano and cards and work crossword puzzles.

Surviving are her husband, Russell E. Ransom of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Christine A. Wilcox of Garrett; three sons, Jerry L. Ransom of Columbus, R. Dean Ransom of St. Charles, Ill., and C. Jay Ransom of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Norma J. Gillman; and a brother, Frank Rexroth.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Private burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission or Cancer Services of Allen County.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with corrected information about the family.*

Glenn McClish

BUTLER — Glenn W. McClish, 74, of Butler died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at 8 a.m. at his home.

Mr. McClish was employed in maintenance at Tokheim Corp. for 18 years. He had served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Butler post of the American Legion.

He was born June 22, 1930, in Hudson to Russell and Martha (Chipman) McClish.

He married Beverly Boren on Sept. 25, 1952, in Auburn. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a daughter, Linda McClish of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Lilah Steele of Wabash and Mary Gaston of Lake Seneca, Ohio.

He was preceded in death his parents; a son, Steven McClish; a brother, Vaughn McClish; and four sisters, Patricia Miller, Merlee Brand, Betty Diosado and Ilda Green.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Darrol Heggen officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Butler or the National Kidney Foundation.

Patricia Frey

HOWE — Patricia L. Frey, 61, of Howe died at 8:25 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2005, in the emergency room at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

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Girl dies from meningitis

SHIPSHEWANA — Health officials are not overly concerned about the spread of spinal meningitis after a 7-year-old Shipshewana girl died from the infection Friday.

Jenean Slabach, a kindergartner at Meadowview Elementary School, died Friday afternoon at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a two-day illness.

Outside the girl's immediate family, health officials are not overly concerned about the infection spreading. She lived at home with her parents, one sister and two brothers.

Meningitis is an infection of the membranes that cover the brain and spinal cord and the fluid that surrounds them. Meningitis can be caused by bacterial or viral infections.

"Jenean Slabach had bacterial meningitis. This is not contagious to the community," said Dr. Tony Pechin, LaGrange County Health Department.

Cases of meningitis have been reported in LaGrange County. However, it is not a common occurrence. "It is intermittent. I cannot remember the last time we had a case in this county," Pechin said.

Pechin credited the decline to routine newborn vaccines that protect against two strains of the infection.

Most infections occur in babies and children under age 5. Teenagers and young adults aged between 15 and 24, the elderly, and people with long-term illnesses are also more susceptible than the rest of the population.

Thank You

When someone we love goes home to God and we are left on earth to miss them, even in our gratefulness for their complete healing, it is the loving words and expressions of caring that make our journey here a little easier.

Thank you so much for journeying with us through this time in honor of our mother, grandmother, mother-in-law and aunt.

Blessings from the family of Neva Greider Spangler

Angie, Chris, Andy and Ashley Kidd, Sharon and Ken Cripe, Jessica and Robert Martin, Sandy and Joe Saggers, Bev and Gary Earnhart, Jack and Anita Greider, Nancy and Verne Cook, Cindy and Bill Keim.

Lela DeBrular

Lela M. DeBrular, 87, of Milford died Friday, April 22, 2005, at 2 p.m. at Lakeland Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Milford.

Mrs. DeBrular was a former Cromwell resident and had lived most of her life in Noble County. She had worked in production at Essex Wire Company for 33 years. She was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church and a member of the Ligonier Order of the Eastern Star 325 for over 50 years. She enjoyed working in her yard and nurturing flowers.

She was born June 13, 1917, in Noble County to Russell and Hazel (Johnson) Wineland. They preceded her in death

On Jan. 13, 1945, in Fort Wayne, she married Joseph DeBrular. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Eva J. and Bruce McClintic of Syracuse; a brother-in-law and his wife, John Thomas "Tom" and Geraldine DeBrular of Cromwell; and several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter, Charles and Firman Wineland; and a sister, Laura W. McClintic.

Services were Monday, April 25 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating.

Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling was two hours prior to the service time on Monday.

Memorials are to Cromwell United Methodist Church or Shriners' Children's Hospitals.

Larry Ritchie

Larry D. Ritchie, 55, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Wednesday, April 20, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Ritchie

Mr. Ritchie had been the plant manager at Group Dekko for 25 years and was currently general manager of Team Quality Services in Auburn.

He was a member of the first class to graduate from East Noble High School in 1967.

Mr. Ritchie was born May 26, 1949, in Hindman, Ky., to Armond and June (Campbell) Ritchie. On Feb. 24, 2001, in Leo, he married Sheyrl W. Hamman. She survives.

Also surviving are his father and stepmother, Armond and Edna Ritchie of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Nila Ritchie of Ligonier, Brian and Robin Ritchie and Chad and Kendra Ritchie, all of Kendallville; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Cathy Ritchie of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Brent and Betty Ritchie of Battle Creek, Mich., Terry and Patty Ritchie of Austin, Texas, and Kenny and Keila Ritchie of Rome City; a sister and brother-in-law, Junie and Eddie Slone of Kendallville; three grandsons, Jordan Ritchie, Nicholas Ritchie, Joshua Ritchie and Owen Ritchie; and two granddaughters, Jordan Ritchie and Kaylin Ritchie.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1986.

Services were Friday, April 22 at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Gary Reiber of Union Chapel Church in Fort Wayne officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling was Thursday, April 21 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Friday.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ralph Cory

Ralph L. Cory, 94, of Albion died Saturday, April 23, 2005, at 4 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mr. Cory was a master pattern cutter at Ligonier Garment Factory. He farmed in Bakertown from 1945 to 1976.

He lived most of his life in Noble County. While living near Round-up, Mont., as a teenager, he got to ride in one of the last wild horse round-ups in the Big Sky country. He was a 1930 graduate of Albion High School.

Mr. Cory was a member of Rehoboth Missionary Church, Albion, and a 53-year member of Albion Lodge 97 F & AM.

He enjoyed his family, dancing, ice skating, had a hole-in-one while golfing and was very active in AARP.

He was born April 4, 1911, in Syracuse to Joseph and Addie (Hines) Cory. They preceded him in death.

On Aug. 5, 1933, in the Spencerville United Methodist Church parsonage he married Irene Brumbaugh. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Shirley Cory of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Carol Cory of Albion; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Melvin Cory of Ligonier.

He also was preceded in death by a son, Larry Cory on Dec. 18, 2003; a granddaughter, and two great-grandsons.

Services were Monday, April 25 at Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, with calling one hour prior to services.

Pastor Gerald Ringenberger officiated. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Rehoboth Missionary Church, 4233 E. C.R. 100N, Albion.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

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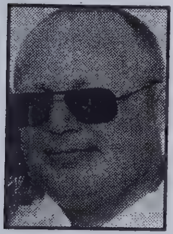
Charles Gross

Charles L. Gross, 45, of Ligonier died unexpectedly Saturday, April 23, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Gross had been a construction worker for more than 20 years.

Mr. Gross was a member of Rock of Ages Church of Love in Ligonier.



Mr. Gross

He was born June 4, 1959, in Welch, W.Va., to Jack and Earnestine (Puckett) Gross. On April 20, 1978, in Lebanon, Va., he married Margaret A. Hagerman. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Charles A. and Alyssa Gross, Gary D. and Cindy Gross, Justin W. Gross and Tommy L. Gross, all of Ligonier; three daughters and a son-in-law, Jessica A. and David Slone, Sherry J. Gross and Mary A. Gross, all of Ligonier; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Pat and Vicki Gross and Thomas and Sherri Gorham, all of Stafford, Va.; a sister, Debra Williams of Stafford; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Services were Monday, April 25 at the family home with minister Anthony Hagerman officiating.

Calling was prior to services.

Additional services were Wednesday, April 27 at the Tom Sparks Community Chapel in Paynesville, W.Va. Burial was in Tom Sparks Cemetery in Paynesville.

Memorials are to Rock of Ages Church of Love in Ligonier.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of local arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Lilia Smith

Lilia Elizabeth Smith, 4 months, died unexpectedly Monday, April 25, 2005, at her home.

She was born Dec. 15, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne to Gregory and Susan (Vann) Smith. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a brother, Matthew Allen Steven Smith of Ligonier; maternal grandparents, Bryan and Elizabeth Vann of Ligonier; paternal grandparents, Allen and Rose Walter of Ligonier; maternal great-grandfathers, Franklin Malott of Westland, Mich., and Mel Plotkoswki of Mackinaw, Mich.; paternal great-grandfathers, Odes Cox of Lackey, Ky., and Ira Walter of Howe; maternal great-grandmother, Jane Malott of Westland, Mich.; paternal great-grandmother, Nancy Habig of Ligonier; seven aunts; and four uncles.

She was preceded in death by a maternal grandfather, Linden Vernon Vann; a maternal great-grandmother, Patricia Plotkowski; a paternal great-grandmother, Dolly Cox; a paternal grandfather, Owen Smith Jr.; and paternal great-grandparents, Owen and Faye Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 30 at Harbor of Love Baptist Church south of Kendallville on S.R. 3 with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Friday, April 29 at the church with a service at 7 p.m.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

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Suzanne Sanders

HAMILTON — Suzanne Sanders, 84, of Hamilton died Wednesday morning, April 27, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Sanders was a homemaker. She had been a waitress for many years and owned Sanders Fabric in Hamilton.

She attended the Wesley United Methodist Church and was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club and the Orland American Legion Auxiliary.

She moved to the Hamilton area in 1945.

She was born Sept. 13, 1920, in Parker to Robert and Lulu Meeks. They preceded her in death.

On Dec. 1, 1966, in Ashley, she married Rolland "Zip" Sanders. He survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry E. and Jan Harness of Hamilton, Mac L. Harness of Angola, Randy J. and Nicole Harness of Pleasant Lake and DeWayne Harness of Hamilton; 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Jim Meeks of Florida; and a daughter-in-law, Donna Arnold.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lance E. Harness, and a granddaughter, Stephanie Harness.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton. The Rev. Kenneth Warren will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to the family and an online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Patricia Frey

HOWE — Patricia L. Frey, 61, of Howe died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, in the emergency room at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mrs. Frey had lived in the LaGrange area 40 years. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Frey was born Nov. 11, 1943, in Buchanan, Mich., to Charles and Ida Kate (Ashbrook) Chapman. On Sept. 24, 1966, in LaGrange she married Robert O. Frey. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Terry Keister and Bobbi and Arthur Bowers Jr., all of Howe, and Crystal and Bruce Boudreau of Manchester, N.H.; a sister, Debra Smith of LaGrange; two brothers, Charles Chapman Jr. and Kenneth Chapman, both of LaGrange; and 13 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Matthew Hendrickson

LARWILL — Matthew Aaron Hendrickson, 22, of Kendallville and formerly of Larwill died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at his grandfather's home near Kendallville.

Mr. Hendrickson

Mr. Hendrickson had worked at Foamcraft in Goshen, Metal Craft in Wawaka and was currently employed at M.P. Steel Co. in Kendallville.

He had recently moved to Kendallville from Larwill to live with his grandfather.

Mr. Hendrickson was a 2001 graduate of Columbia City High School. He enjoyed four-wheeling and electronics.

He was born Dec. 22, 1982, in Columbia City to David Allen and Jill Ann (Gage) Hendrickson. They survive in Columbia City.

Also surviving are two brothers, Lucas A. Hendrickson of Columbia City and Marcus R. Hendrickson of Cromwell; a sister, Laura L. Hendrickson of Columbia City; his maternal grandfather, Richard Gage of Kendallville; and his paternal grandmother, Colleen Statler of Wolf Lake.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City with the Rev. Rick VanCleave officiating. Burial will be in West Etna Cemetery at Larwill.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Childrens Hospital in Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

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Clair Lower

ANGOLA — Clair L. Lower, 84, of Angola and formerly of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Lower

Mr. Lower was born July 24, 1920, in Steuben Township, Steuben County to Merlin and Goldie (Bowers) Lower. He was married to Roberta L. Lockhart on Sept. 16, 1972, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 8, 1990.

In 1982, he retired after 20 years at Moore Business Forms, Angola. He was a member of Barkers Chapel United Methodist Church in DeKalb County, and graduated in 1938 from Pleasant Lake High School.

Surviving are two stepsons, Nyle Summerlott of Angola and Max Summerlott of Arkansas; a sister, Marie Graham of Angola; a brother, Dale Lower of Marysville, Mich.; and several stepgrandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Ross Lower, in 1975.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Darvin Seuter officiating. Calling will be Saturday from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Barkers Chapel.

Alma Ball

BUTLER — Alma C. Ball, 84, of Butler died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Ball worked for Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 27 years, retiring in February 1976.

She was born Feb. 4, 1921, in Butler to Eber and Clara (Healy) Oberlin.

She married Charles Maynard Ball on Oct. 1, 1938. He died March 22, 1991.

Surviving are one son, Jeffrey Ball of Butler; one daughter, Patricia Metzler of Auburn; two brothers, Harry Oberlin of Middlebury and Robert Oberlin of Butler; three sisters, Annabell Hullinger of Butler, Mary Short of Okeechobee, Fla., and Martha Curcio of Butler; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Ball; two brothers; two sisters; and her parents.

No services or calling are planned. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church of Auburn.

Frank Hissem

AVILLA — Frank T. "Tom" Hissem, 74, longtime Avilla resident and businessman, died at 1:10 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where he had been a patient 18 days.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Frank Hissem

AVILLA — Frank T. "Tom" Hissem, 74, of Avilla, died at 1:10 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Hissem

A native of Spokane, Wash., he was the owner and operator of Hissem's Photographic Services in Avilla, where he had lived since 1969.

He was married March 1, 1969, to Jeanne L. Padgitt at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Mr. Hissem served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was assigned to special services at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, and later was the base photo officer in charge of aerial photo reconnaissance with the 2347th AFRTC, Long Beach, Calif.

He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla F&AM Lodge 460, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite Valley Mizpah Temple Shrine, Order of the Eastern Star, and American Legion Post 240.

A member of the Air Force Association, he spearheaded the reorganization of Fort Wayne Chapter 143 in 1981 and served as chapter president and state vice president and was vice president of government relations. He was supportive of the Civil Air Patrol and the ROTC, and started the Eagle Scout Recognition Program through the local AFA. He also volunteered with the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne, assembling gifts at special holidays.

He was a strong supporter of Boy Scouts of America and was an Eagle Scout at age 16.

Surviving with his wife are two sons and daughters-in-law, William Dae and Debbie Hissem of Neenah, Wis., and John and Becky Hissem of Castle Rock, Colo.; six grandchildren, Matthew, Rebecca, Paul, David, Jessica and Anna Hissem; a brother-in-law, Everitt Padgitt of Avilla; and a niece, Diane E. Padgitt of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death were his parents, William Dae Hissem and Laura M. (Daniel) Hissem; a daughter, Estella Jean Hissem; a son, Christopher Hissem; and Mr. Hissem's twin brother, William Hissem.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be at Avilla Cemetery, where military graveside rites will be by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church. A Masonic service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Air Force Association.

Robert Brumbaugh

ALBION — Robert Brumbaugh, 83, of rural Albion, died at 12:13 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2005, in the emergency room of Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home North Ridge Village Chapel in Albion.

Wilma Easterday

COLUMBIA CITY — Wilma O. Easterday, 87, of Columbia City, died Thursday, April 28, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since April 16.

She retired from Weatherhead Corp. in 1983.

She was born Dec. 1, 1917, in Noble County to Hershal Ray and Elvirta (Buckles) Wolfe. Her formative years were spent in Noble County, and she graduated Wolf Lake High School in 1935.

On March 1, 1941, she married Glen E. Easterday. They made their home in Kimmell, Peru and Churubusco until his death in 1953, when she moved to Columbia City.

She attended Faith Chapel United Methodist Church in Goblesville and was a member of Faith Baptist Church and the United Auto Workers union.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John H. and Susanne Easterday of Huntington; three daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and John Groat of Warsaw, Judy and Alan Hile of Angola and Jean and Jene Coy of Ooltewah, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Thomas R. Wolfe of Columbia City and Neil F. Wolfe of Clinton, Ark.

Preceding her in death were brothers Max and Jack Wolfe.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Mike Smith, pastor of Faith Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Thorn Cemetery near Ormas.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Faith Chapel United Methodist Church or the United Way of Whitley County.

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Betty Zeedyk

GARRETT — Betty J. Zeedyk, 72, of Garrett and formerly of Churubusco, died Friday, April 29, 2005, at her home following a two-year struggle with cancer.

Mrs. Zeedyk

She was retired from Compra Care Home Health Services.

The Noble County native was born Sept. 26, 1932, in Green Township to Floyd and Ruth (Haney) Diffendarfer. She married Calvin Zeedyk in Churubusco on July 22, 1950. He died Feb. 10, 1994.

She was a member of the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 136 and she attended Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her companion, Victor Barcus; a daughter and son-in-law Rita and Rex Harpel of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Sybil Zeedyk of San Antonio, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Rex and Jackie Diffendarfer of French Lick; a sister and brother-in-law Pylis and Lee Lambert of Holister, Fla.; stepmother Arreha Diffendarfer of Churubusco; a half-brother, Monte Diffendarfer of Churubusco; two stepsisters, Oneda Young of Churubusco and Val Hackman of Auburn; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and special daughter Linda Long of Churubusco.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her parents; and a son, Randy Zeedyk.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastors Christine Newman-Jacobs and William Claxton officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Services Held

AVILLA — Services for **Florence Ann "Nanny" Tuggle** were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. The Rev. Larry William officiated and burial was in Swan Township Cemetery near LaOtto. Pallbearers were Jack Price, Jack Price Jr., Tim Price, Bobby Allen, Joe Buettgen and Kyle Garrett.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Larry D. Ritchie** were held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 22, at Hite Funeral Home. The Rev. Gary Reiber officiated and burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jack Ritchie, Kenny Ritchie, Brent Ritchie, Oryan Ritchie, Ben Wert, Ron Swartz, Gary Hamman and Lee Stophenhagen. Honorary pallbearers were Zach Ritchie and Radney Ritchie.

Larry Grubb

BUTLER — Larry Gene Grubb, 60, of Butler died Friday, April 29, 2005, at 9:50 a.m. at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, Churubusco United Methodist Church or the Eastern Star Chapter 136.

Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Susie Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Susie A. Miller, 84, of rural Shipshewana, died at 7:05 p.m. Thursday at her home. She had been ill five months.

She was a homemaker, and had lived her entire life in the same house in LaGrange County.

She was born Sept. 16, 1920, to Andrew and Polly (Miller) Bontrager. On Dec. 17, 1940, she married Joni J. Miller, who survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Pollyanna and Ivan Hochstetler of Topeka, Mary Esther and Wilbur Miller of Topeka, Katie Mae and Lloyd J. Yoder of Millersburg, Wilma and DeWayne R. Yoder of LaGrange, and Alta Eash of Shipshewana; two sons and daughters-in-law, Elmer J. and Mary Miller of Shipshewana and Vernon J. and Darlene Miller of Shipshewana; 40 grandchildren; and 91 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were five grandchildren and two brothers, Levi Bontrager and Perry Bontrager.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the family home at 1620 S. C.R. 850W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Elmer Yoder and the Rev. Amos Hochstetler and the Rev. Levi Borkholder officiating. Burial will be at Yoder Cemetery of rural Shipshewana.

Calling is all day today at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Linda Domer

HUDSON — Linda Sue Domer of Hudson died Thursday, April 28, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of Fort Wayne, she was a waitress at Hall's Guest House in Fort Wayne and worked at Key Plastics eight years.

She loved fishing and her dogs.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas Domer Sr.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Myra and Mark Kluesner and Tammie and Tom Meredith, all of Fort Wayne; two sons, Thomas Edward "DJ" Domer Jr. and Brian Edward "Picki" Domer of Fort Wayne; her father, Lowell Chapman of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Judy Stevenson of New Haven, Mary Blum of Fort Wayne and Sharon Dailey of Henderson, Tenn.; two brothers, John Martin of Wayndale and Garry Spear of New Haven; a half-sister, Janie DeLucenay of New Haven; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was her mother, Ida Mae Chapman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with burial at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

McKenzie Grosswiler

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Infant McKenzie Marie Grosswiler died shortly after birth Monday, April 25, 2005, at Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg.

She was the daughter of Charles H. and Katie (Marzion) Grosswiler.

Surviving with her parents are grandparents Janie and Douglas Shull of Jackson Township, Chris and Julie Marzion of Kendallville, Ind., and Charles and Margo Grosswiler of Jackson Township; great-grandparents Sylvia Marzion and Phylis and Gene Lash of Kendallville, Ind., and John and Ida Cice of Canton; and aunts and uncles.

Services were today at Paquelet Funeral Home in Massillon.

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